

C O R N E R S T O N E
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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

September 10, 2023

*Call to Worship | John 11:25-26 | Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[a] Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

*Song of Adoration | He Is Exalted

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high And I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His Name

For He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy Name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Music and Lyrics: Twila Paris

*Confession of Faith | Kyrie Eleison

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Song of Confession | From The Depths Of Woe

Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more
aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

Music and Lyrics: Martin Luther, Richard Massie

Confession of Sin

We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 1:16 | Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

*Song of Response | O Help My Unbelief

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys the almighty call, And runs to this relief
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.

Music and Lyrics: Justin Smith, Isaac Watts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

Song of Thanks | Rock of Ages

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's commands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Cotterill, Thomas Hastings

Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 5:21-26 | Blake Arnoult

God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

21 You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"On Anger"

Matthew: The Sermon on the Mount

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is made from grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Communion Song | The Church's One Foundation

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Brian Moss, Samuel John Stone

Departing Song | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We begin to end in faith and song.

**We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things!", we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn;
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave;
Bind us together, bring shalom!

//Chorus//

Music and Lyrics: Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore

*Benediction | Jude 1:24-25 | Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies

Women's Morning Study: Weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am from August 23 - November 8 at the Wade home.

Men's Morning Study: Monthly on the first Friday of each month, 7am at Bean and Bottle. 9655 Katy Freeway Suite 100.

Women's Evening Study: Monthly at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month at the home of Susan and Jeff Arnoult.

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9am from September 10 - November 5!

Pre-K through 12th grades are invited to join us for Sunday school for an 8-week study in Eschatology! Children and youth will gather separately for age-appropriate lessons.

Cornerstone's 5th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 15, 7pm

Cornerstone is celebrating it's 5th year anniversary this September! Adults are invited to the home of Blake and Ryan Arnoult to celebrate 5 years of ministry and fellowship!

Women's Retreat - Save the Date!

Saturday, October 21

More information to come!

Cornerstone is updating it's member directory!

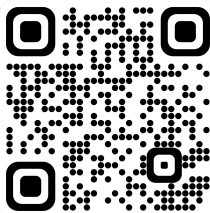
Members! Please email emily.mcewin@cornerstonehouston.com with a family photo for our member directory! Our goal is to complete the directory this summer!

Supper Club groups have been emailed!

If you signed up to participate in a supper club your group has been emailed! The goal is to gather at least three times between September 1 - November 30. Connect with your group to decide when and where you will gather!

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive fall calendar and RSVP to available events!



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Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

KID'S CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.



PRAYER REQUEST

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES



True story. A little 3 year old boy fell into a glass door and it broke and it cut him. The glass cut his arm and side in 3 big places. He's parents rushed him to the hospital.

When you have a bad cut, the doctor has to sew you back together. And it hurts.

Now, one thing about this boy. He loves the Hulk. Do you know the superhero Bruce Banner who gets angry and turns into a rage monster, the Hulk. He likes to play like he is the Hulk and he'll walk around yelling, "Uggggghhhh, no Banner, only Hulk." And the boy will smash things.

So when the doctor starts stitching him up he is getting angry. So his mom and dad are telling the boy, "Son, stay Banner, stay Banner, stay Banner." And the boy is saying, "ok ok ok....ugghh ugghhh..." "Look at us, look at mommy and daddy. Stay Banner, stay Banner." And the boy is all, "Ugghhhh, ok ok ugghhhh." And the boy did it. He stayed Banner, he stayed himself and didn't turn into the Hulk.

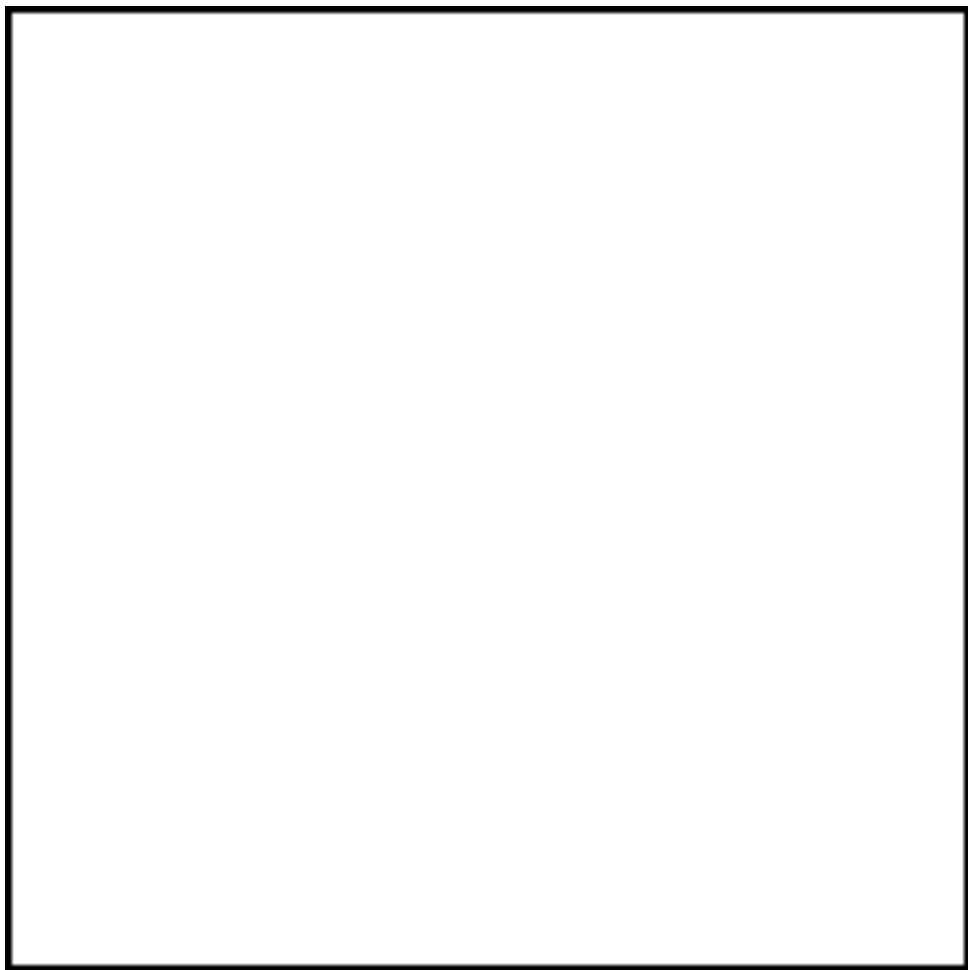
Now, that's really amazing because the boy must have been thinking, "Mom, dad what are you doing? Who is this doctor person and why are you just letting them hurt my arm like this?!?!?!"

Jesus is going to tell us about anger today in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. No matter what happens to us, even if we think people are being mean to us and hurting us we have to believe that Jesus is still loving us and taking care of us. When we're hurting and scared Jesus is saying to us, "Look at me, stay Banner, don't get all mad and crazy and Hulk out. Look at me."

And we're going to hear that even when it looks like you might die you don't have to be scared. And you can trust Jesus because Jesus took the worst suffering and sickness and even your death itself on the cross so that no matter what happens to you in this life - Jesus is taking care of you and loving you. And even when you die it just means you're going to heaven to live forever.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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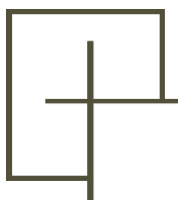
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- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

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