

C O R N E R S T O N E
H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

July 30, 2023

*Call to Worship | Romans 11:33-36 | Blake Arnoult

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

Pastor: 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: 34 **"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"**
35 **"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"**

All: 36 **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

*Song of Adoration | To God Be the Glory

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

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: William Howard Doane, Fanny Crosby

***Confession of Faith** | based on Ephesians 3:14-21

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

We bow our knees before our Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of your glory you may grant us to be strengthened with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***Song of Confession | All Glory Be Forever**

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

We had turned from God to sin's disgrace, we chose the path to hell
Perfect law of God condemned our race, for all in Adam fell
But the righteousness of God appeared
And the world found hope again
For the Righteous One has come down to bear
All the curse of sin and death

**Now to Him Who's seated on the throne, all glory be forever
Oh, the depths of wisdom, grace, and power,
All glory be forever
All glory be forever**

Every bond of sin that held us fast is left in Jesus' grave
We've been freed from all that gripped our past
From Satan's rule and reign
We've been raised to life to breathe His grace
As captives now reclaimed
All our guilt is gone, all our strivings ceased,
We're alive to seek His fame

Chorus

Now our future's fixed, our journey clear; God will not let us go
Every trial that tempts our hearts to fear He'll use to give us hope
All creation groans as we await what our eyes have longed to see
Every pain and evil we've long endured
Will be crushed by Christ our King

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin

Confession of Sin | Psalm 51:1-4; 8-9

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.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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 I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

*Song of Response | Be Thou My Vision

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight.
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
True Light of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music and Lyrics: Mary Elizabeth Byrne

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 | King Eternal

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

Unto the King eternal;
Unto the Lord Immortal;
Unto the God invisible;
You alone are wise.

All glory and honor forever to you oh God;
All glory and honor forever to you my King eternal.

You alone are wise;
You alone are my King eternal

Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Romans 16:17-20; 25-27 | Blake Arnoult**

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

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. 19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...

25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

“A Doxology”

Romans: The Power of God for Salvation

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 | He Will Hold Me Fast

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!**

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

/ Chorus /

He began a work in us...
He'll complete His work in us...

He will hold us fast; He will hold us fast!
For our Savior loves us so, He will hold us fast!

Music and Lyrics: Matt Merker, Ada Habershon

Departing Song | Doxology

We begin to end in faith and song.

/ Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. /

// Amen //

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Thomas Tallis

*Benediction | Romans 16:20 | 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.

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for Supper Clubs!

Supper clubs will be starting again this fall! Scan the QR code, email emily.mcewin@cornerstonehouston.com, or sign up through our weekly email if you would like to participate!



Fall Kick-Off Pool Party

Sunday, August 27, 11:30am-1:30pm

Everyone is invited to join us at the Byrd home on August 27 for our annual fall gathering! This is a BYOB event. Lunch will be provided!

Cornerstone's 5th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 15, 7-9pm

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

Cornerstone is updating it's member directory!

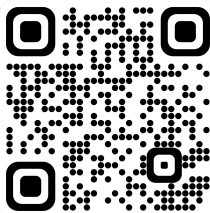
Members! Please email

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

Visit our website to subscribe to our calendar!

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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Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please help us out by using the QR code to let us know you're here, or visit our website directly at cornerstonehouston.com.



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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

27 To the only wise God be glory forevermore
through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 16:27



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



Who made you?

God.

What else did God make?

God made all things.

Why did God make you and all things?

For his own glory.

How can you glorify God?

By loving him and doing what he commands.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, I praise Jesus as my Lord and Savior, the one who is ruling in heaven over all things, the one who came to live and die for his people, even for me, the one who has saved us forever."

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES

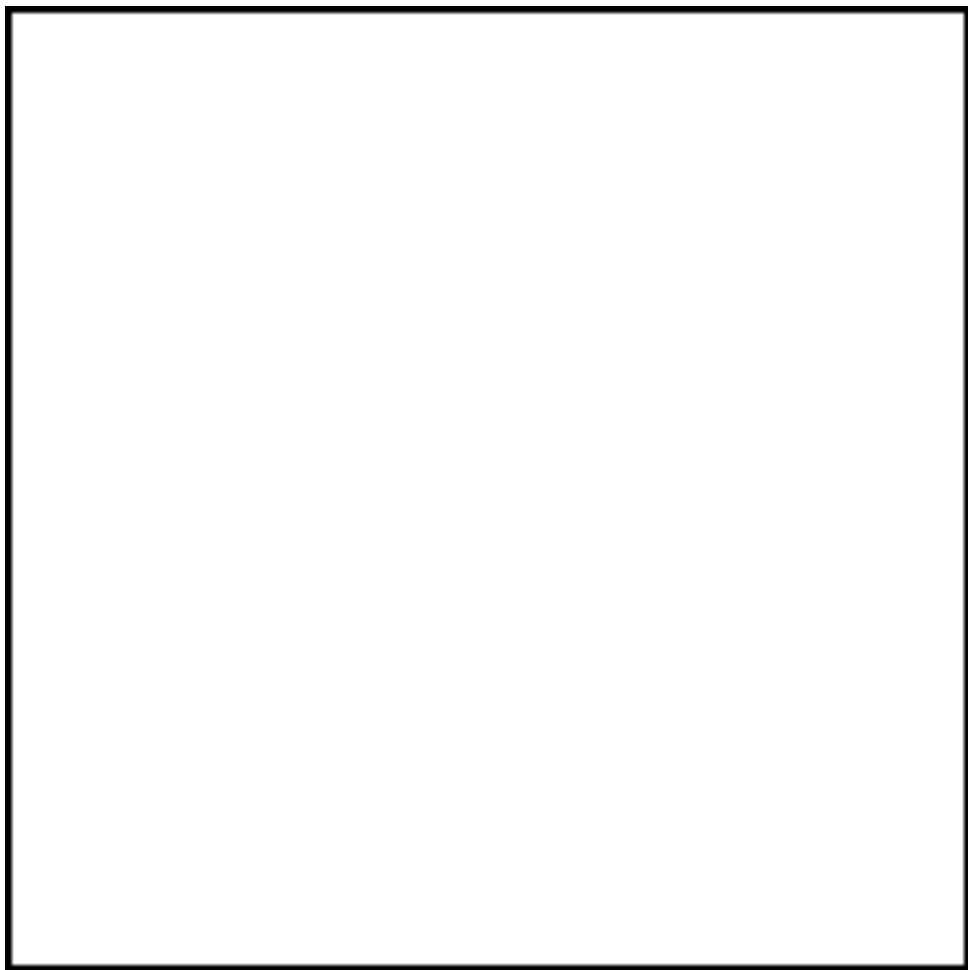


Have you ever thought about that word, “worship”? It comes from an old old word we don’t use anymore: “worth-ship”. What is something worth to you? What’s the one thing that’s worth more to you than any other thing? One my kids when they were very young loved their pacifier. They were obsessed. They needed it. But when they got to the age of running around and talking with it in their mouth we told them it was time to give up the pacifier. But this child refused to part with the pacifier. We tried to trade toys, vacations, and money for the pacifier but this child thought the pacifier was worth more than all other things. This child wouldn’t trade this pacifier for the world. The pacifier was worth more than anything! Which seems ridiculous. BUT we’re all like that little child and there are things in our lives that we think are worth more than anything, that we think are worth more than the world. We can think that about our toys, our stuff, our happiness, our comfort, our success, our grades, our sports. And we’re like that little child holding onto a pacifier when there is something more worthy to have.

But at the end of the Book of Romans the apostle Paul worships God as the one thing, the only thing that is truly WORTH our worship. If God is all powerful, all beautiful, and all good then worshipping God is only a good thing for you. The world holds out all kinds of things to worship that are not worth our worship. You can have the whole world and in the end have nothing. Would it be worth it? God holds out himself to you. God holds out his Son who came and lived for you and died for you so that you could share in his eternal glory forever and be with him. You may lose the world but if you have Jesus you will get heaven forever. Isn’t God worth it? Isn’t God worth our worship?

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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APPEAL, DOCTRINE, GLORY, HEARTS, JESUS,
OBEDIENCE, REJOICE, SERVE, STRENGTHEN, WISE

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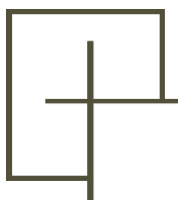
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- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

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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