

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 2, 2023

*Call to Worship | Psalm 103:0-4 | Blake Arnoult

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

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1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

*Song of Adoration | Let Everything That Has Breath

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

**/ Let everything that, everything that,
Everything that has breath praise the Lord /**

Praise You in the morning, Praise You in the evening,
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.

Praise You when I'm laughing, Praise You when I'm grieving,
Praise You every season of the soul.

If we could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely we would never cease to praise You.

Chorus

Praise You in the heavens, Joining with the angels,
Praising You forever and a day.

Praise You on the earth now, Joining with creation,
Calling all the nations to Your praise.

If they could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely they would never cease to praise You.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Matt Redman

***Confession of Faith** | Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q.11

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

What are God's works of providence?

**God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful
preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.**

***Song of Confession** | Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and Love
Be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Confession of Sin | Kyrie Eleison

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:10-13 | 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.

- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*Song of Response | O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Music and Lyrics: Samuel Trevor Francis, Thomas John Williams

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 | How Sweet and Awful is the Place

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

How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores!

Here every kindness of our God
With soft compassion rolls;
Here peace and pardon bought with blood
Is food for dying souls.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God!
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice, and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

Music and Lyrics: Isaac Watts

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Romans 15:22-33 | Rev. Blake Arnault**

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

22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. 23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, 24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. 25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. 27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. 28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. 29 I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, 31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. 33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnault

"All According to God's Better Plan"

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 | 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 | I Stand Amazed in the Presence

We begin to end in faith and song.

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

**How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!**

For me it was in the garden, He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

Chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone.

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

/ Chorus /

Music and Lyrics: Charles Hutchison Gabriel

*Benediction | Romans 15:33 | 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.

33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Arnoult to celebrate 5 years of ministry and fellowship!

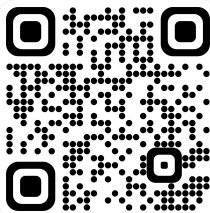
Cornerstone is updating it's member directory!

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

Check out our website to subscribe to our calendar!

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive spring 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.



Giving

Use the QR Code below to view different ways to give!



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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

33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.
Romans 15:33



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



Where is God?

God is everywhere.

Can you see God?

No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Can God do all things?

Yes. God can do all his holy will.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, help us today to put all our trust in you
both for eternal salvation and for our daily needs."

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES



Does life always go according to plan? Yes and no. Not according to your plan but your life always goes according to God's plan! At the end of his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul talks about his plans for the future but they don't exactly work out the way he thinks they will. But the plan still works out according to God's plan and it's even better than Paul's plan.

What if I challenged you to eat a bowl of eggs with some flour and some baking soda (which is a chemical) and some yeast (which is a tiny fungus) and just to be nice throw some sugar in?

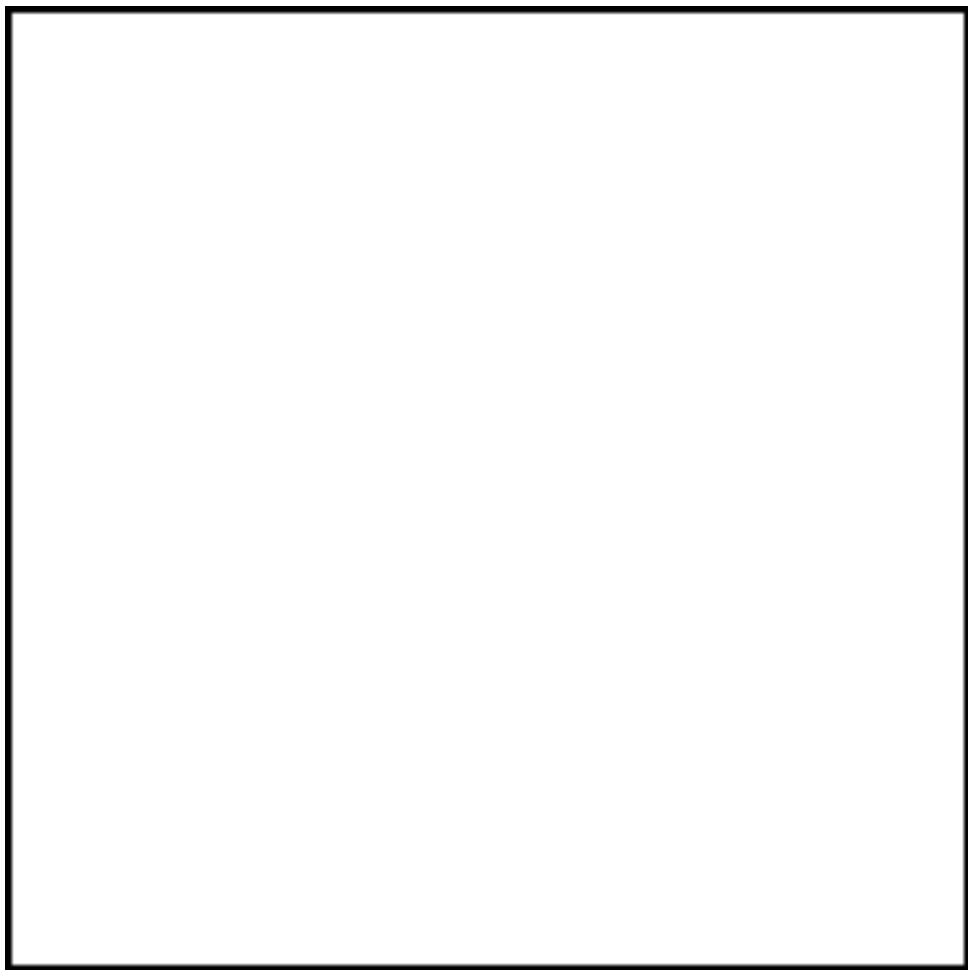
Those things by themselves or just thrown together would be gross but if you put those things together according to the right plan (the recipe!) then it's delicious!

That's exactly what you were eating this morning! It's ingredients for donuts!

All the hard stuff in your life can seem like just a big disgusting mess but what God tells us is that all that bad stuff is working according to his recipe. Your life is a part of his recipe and so is Jesus and his life and death for you and with your life this recipe is going to make something awesome - a life with Jesus and his people forever in new heavens and new earth!

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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BLESSINGS, COMPANY, GENTILES, HINDERED, JERUSALEM,
LONGED, REGIONS, SERVICE, SPIRITUAL, WORK

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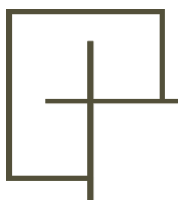
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- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

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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