

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

October 26, 2025

*Call to Worship | Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:9 | Rev. Blake

Arnoult

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

Psalm 118:26

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Matthew 21:9

⁹ "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

*Song of Adoration | This Is My Father's World

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

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Was giv'n to show God's love.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Music and Lyrics: Beth Redman, Matt Redman

*Confession of Faith | Psalm 130

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

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

2 O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

*Song of Confession | It Is Well With My Soul

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

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul"

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Horatio G. Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

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.

We come before you, our Father in heaven, with confidence in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We confess before you today our unworthiness and our infirmities, our weaknesses, and our lack of wisdom. And, we confess that we are all together dependent on you day to day for that mercy which we find at your throne of grace. Give us that mercy again today and lift up our hearts to you. Help us to put all our trust in you both for eternal salvation and for the daily provisions of life, for ourselves and for those for whom we are responsible for their care. Enable us to manifest the mind of Christ at all times, of self-sacrifice and showing love for all people in order that we might serve you well.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 6:22-23 | Rev. 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.

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Song of Response | Jesus What A Friend Of Sinners

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

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.**

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: John Wilbur Chapman, Rowland Prichard, Ryan Dahl

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 | My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

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

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed;
I trust the ever living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.**

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

Chorus

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The living Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Lidie Hornsby Edmunds

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 23:37 - 24:2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

23³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

24¹ Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"End of the Old Covenant, Beginning of the New"

Matthew: The Gospel to the Church

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 | All Glory Be To Christ

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Dustin Kensrue

Departing Song | Because He Lives

We begin to end in faith and song.

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
We can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Chorus

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

*Benediction | Hebrews 13:20-21 | Rev. 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 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Announcements

Kids, Middle, and High School Bible Studies

Sunday, November 2, 9am

K-12 graders, join us in the theater lobby next Sunday at 9am for the next lesson in our Bible studies on Scripture!

Women's Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, November 4, 7pm

Home of Susan Arnoult

Join us at the home of Susan Arnoult on the first Tuesday of November for our next lesson on the Sermon on the Mount!

Men's Monthly Bible Study

Friday, November 7, 7am

Bean and Bottle

Join us at Bean and Bottle on the first Friday of November for our next lesson on the Sermon on the Mount!

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed for November!

There are still opportunities to serve in November! Members can sign up to serve through the Church Center app by selecting "Sign Up" from your Church Center profile under "Schedule". Volunteers for the nursery and setup positions are the most needed.

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website to view our calendar and RSVP to events!



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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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.

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 the 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?

KIDS' CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
2 Timothy 3:16

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, please help me to keep trusting that you are good, and that because of Jesus you're not far off, you're near to me."

KIDS' LESSON

We don't understand grief very well. Can being sad ever be a good thing? Yes, actually. Charlie Brown and his friends in the Peanuts comic are famous for saying, "Good grief." One comic strip focuses on Lucy and her younger brother, Linus. Lucy bullies Linus all the time. She calls him "blockhead" and frequently pummels him. It's probably why Linus holds onto that security blanket. And in this one strip Lucy complains about the hard stuff in her life. She's feeling sorry for herself.

And Linus gives her a good word, "Maybe you should be thankful for the blessings you have?" And she snaps back like she's gonna pummel him, "What blessings, huh?" And Linus says, "Well, for one thing, you have a brother who loves you." And then, Lucy bursts into tears and she grabs and melts in his arms, hugging him. And then Linus says, "Every now and then I say the right thing."

At first Lucy feels sorry for herself and that is not a good sadness, it is not a good grief. But then, her brother comes along and tells Lucy that even though she's terrible to him he loves her. Then she bursts into tears because she's treated her loving brother so bad and she realizes it and she's sorry for it. That is a GOOD GRIEF.

What changes her heart, from bad grief to good grief?

Love. Grace.

We will feel sad in this life because this life is hard and bad things happen to us. But feeling sorry for ourselves when we hurt others is not a good way of being sad. Good grief is being sad for our sin when it hurts others. Good grief is being sad for our sin when it hurts our relationship with Jesus. That good grief will always lead us back to Jesus because even when we treat Jesus badly with our sin, he is looking at us saying, "I still love you." And when you remember that Jesus still loves you even when you sin and treat him badly, that he loves you so much he died to save you from your sin - that will change your self-pity to good grief and lead you back to him again and again. And then you'll remember his great salvation that one day all our suffering will end and even though we don't deserve it we will get heaven forever with Jesus.

KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

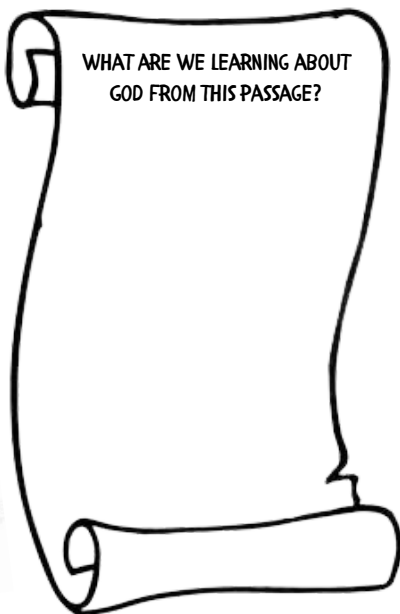


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



SERMON NOTES



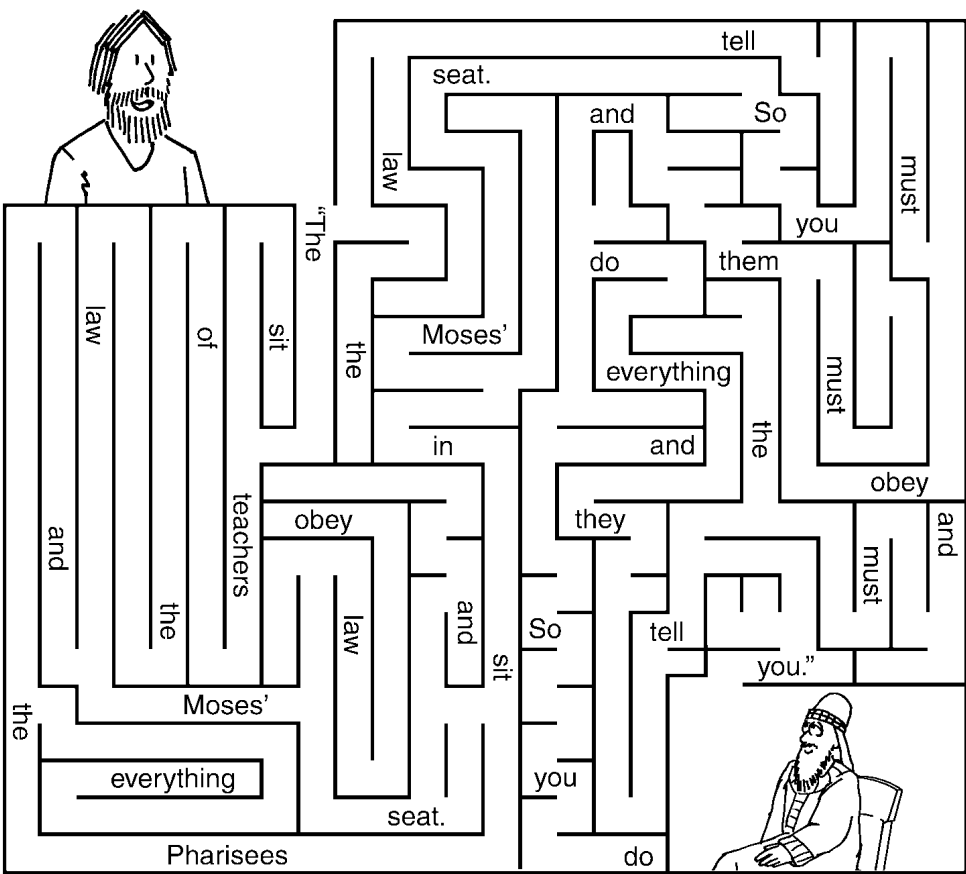
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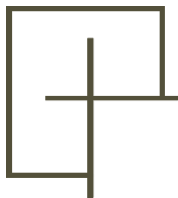
KIDS' CORNER

A Lesson in Humility

Jesus spoke to the crowds
and to His disciples. What did He say?

Guide the disciples through the maze and read what Jesus said.





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