

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

## Order Of Worship

March 8, 2026

### \*Call to Worship | Psalm 95:1-2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Minister: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

### \*Song of Adoration | Arise O God

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

Arise O God and shine  
In all Thy saving might  
And prosper each design  
To spread Thy glorious light  
Let healing streams of mercy flow  
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near  
To sing Thy glorious praise  
Let every people hear  
And learn Thy holy ways  
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause  
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious pow'r  
That everyone may see  
And earth present her store  
In converts born to Thee  
God our own God His church will bless  
And fill the world with righteousness

To God the only wise  
The one immortal King  
Let hallelujahs rise  
From every living thing  
Let all that breathe on every coast  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

*Music and Lyrics: William Hurn*

## **\*Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism Q.1 and Q.2**

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

### **What is your only comfort in life and death?**

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou, enjoying this comfort, mayest live and die happily?**

**Three; the first, how great my sins and miseries are; the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.**

## \*Song of Confession | Be Thou My Vision

*Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. 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, and 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.

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.

High King of heaven, my victory 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: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne*

## 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.*

**O Lord, my senses and my affections are a snare to me. I can barely open my eyes without envying those above me or despising those below me. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. If I behold beauty it is a bait to lust. If I see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain. I mourn the fact that my thoughts are mean, and my life is so unbecoming to Christ. Forgive me and turn me from my sin. Keep me mindful and let me not forget my heavenly title or the grace that can deal with every sin. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon | Colossians 1:12-14 | 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.*

<sup>12</sup> Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## \*Song of Response | Isaiah 43

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

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not  
Overcome you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

**For I am the Lord your God  
(I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior**

**I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)**

When you walk through the fire  
You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not  
Consume you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

### **Chorus**

**I am the Lord**

*Music and Lyrics: Anonymous*

## 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 | The Church's One Foundation

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

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: Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

**\*Reading of Scripture | Colossians 1:1-8 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Are We Thankful?"

*Colossians: Praying and Witnessing*

Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Blake Arnoult

## 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 | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory safe to glory safe to glory  
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him  
Bless the ears that hear His voice  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him  
And in Him alone rejoice  
His commandments His commandments His commandments  
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary  
Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary  
Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it all who taste it all who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through Him alone

*Music and Lyrics: Joseph Swain, Kevin Twit*

## Departing Song | Revelation Song

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

**Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

### **Chorus**

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Jennie Lee Riddle*

## \*Benediction | Colossians 4:18 | 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.*

<sup>18</sup> Grace be with you.

## Calendar and Announcements Page

We encourage you to visit Church Center or our website to view our calendar of gatherings and events! You can also find us on the Church Center app to stay up to date with our weekly and monthly events!



## Let Us Know You're Here!

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please scan the QR code below to let us know you're here, or visit our website at [cornerstonehouston.com](http://cornerstonehouston.com).



## Serving

We rely on the willing hearts and bodies of our members to be the hands and feet of Christ for his church on Sunday mornings. Please take the time to sign up to serve this spring through Church Center! We need volunteers for all positions from setup, to nursery, to breakdown each Sunday in the coming months. All positions for February-April are available for sign up!



## Giving

Scan the QR code below to see different ways to give!

\*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it: Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + \$0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + \$0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + \$0.30/transaction.



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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 standing on chairs | No stage access |  
Use only the writing utensils provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone

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.

## Announcements

### **Sunday Morning Bible Studies**

Sunday Morning Bible Studies for our K-12<sup>th</sup> graders will not meet on Sunday, March 15 for Spring Break! We will resume on Sunday, March 22 at 9am to continue our series on the Church!

### **Palm Sunday Potluck**

*Sunday, March 29, 4pm*

*The Byrd Home*

Save the date for our annual Palm Sunday Potluck, taking place on Sunday, March 29 at the Byrd home! The potluck is a fun, fellowship event for all ages, including a bounce house and Easter egg hunt for our young ones! More information about how to contribute to the potluck will be coming soon!

### **Church Center Directory Update!**

By default, contact details in our Church Center directory are set to private. If you would like your information to appear in the directory, please log in to Church Center and complete the following steps:

1. Select your initials in the top, right corner of the page
2. Select "My Profile and Settings"
3. Select "My Directory Profile"
4. Select the desired contact methods and addresses
5. Select "Update"

We strongly encourage all members to complete this update as soon as possible so our directory can serve our church family well. Please reach out to Emily McEwin for assistance or with any questions!

# 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

Jesus Christ is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:18

## ? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

**What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?**

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.



## PRAYER REQUEST

“Father, more than anything I thank you for Jesus because in Jesus I get you and all your blessings.”



# KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON



Favorite song  
today was:

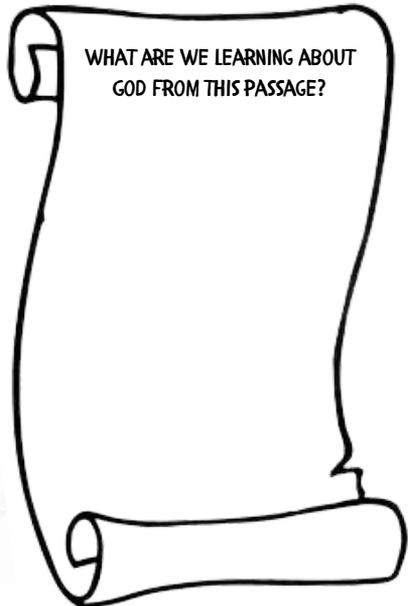
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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT  
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

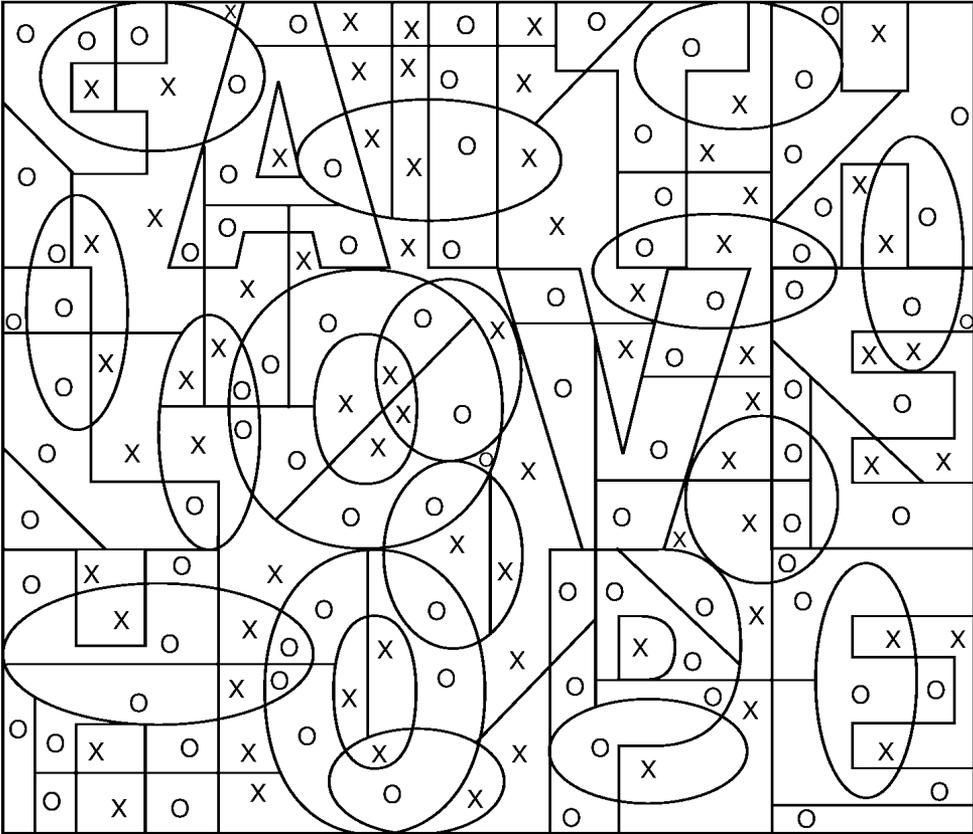


# KIDS' CORNER

## Thanksgiving and Prayer

Paul was thankful because he had heard that the Colossian Christians had 3 good spiritual qualities.

Shade in each shape that contains an x. Leave each shape that contains an o empty. What 3 words can you see?



# KIDS' CORNER



What has the Father done for us?



Use the code to complete the message.

1 = A	4 = F	7 = I	U = M	X = R
2 = D	5 = G	8 = K	V = N	Y = S
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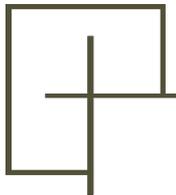
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