

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

Order Of Worship

March 29, 2026

*Call to Worship | Hebrews 1:1-3 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

*Song of Adoration | Sing To The King

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

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

**Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King**

All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.

Chorus

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Charles Silvester Horne, Billy Foote

***Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism Questions 18-19**

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

18: Who is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God, and a real righteous man?

Our Lord Jesus Christ: "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

19: Whence knowest thou this?

From the holy gospel, which God himself first revealed in Paradise; and afterwards published by the patriarchs and prophets, and represented by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and lastly, has fulfilled it by his only begotten Son.

***Song of Confession | God Be Merciful To Me**

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

God be merciful to me
On Thy grace, I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

**Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my spirit right and true
Thy salvation's joy impart
/Steadfast make my willing heart/**

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Music and Lyrics: Richard Redhead, Christopher Miner

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.

Our great God, we confess that although we have known you, we have not honored you as our God and King nor given you thanks as we should. We have been tempted and failed with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice, envy, strife, deceit, and craftiness. We are gossips, slanderers, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Yet we do also confess that at the right time, you sent your Son into the world to be born, live, and die for the ungodly. We most joyfully confess that you have proven your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Forgive our sins, we pray, through him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 | 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.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

*Song of Response | The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

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

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

Music and Lyrics: Anne Ross Cousin

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

My great Physician heals the sick
The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed
For me His life He gave

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 | Colossians 1:24-2:5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

1²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

2¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Ministry and Mystery and Maturity"

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 | Take My Life And Let It Be

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Music and Lyrics: Frances Ridley Havergal, Henri Abraham Cesar Malan

Departing Song | Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

We begin to end in faith and song.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion –
For more than conquerors we are!

Chorus

His Word shall not fail you – He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Helen Howarth Lemmel

*Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 5:23 | 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.

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



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!



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.



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

Palm Sunday Potluck

Sunday, March 29, 4pm

The Byrd Home

Our annual Palm Sunday Potluck is taking place TODAY 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! Kids, don't forget your Easter baskets!

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3, 5:30pm

Houston Racquet Club

Join us for an evening of hymns and scripture reading for our Good Friday Service at the Houston Racquet Club on Friday, April 3 at 5:30pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Studies for our K-12th graders will NOT meet next Sunday, April 5.

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, help me to think more and more about Jesus saving me so that I grow up to look more and more like him.”

KIDS' LESSON

I have two riddles for you:

"I am never quite what I appear to be.

Straight-forward I seem,

but it's only skin deep,

for mystery most often lies beneath my simple speech.

Sharpen your wits, open your eyes, look beyond my disguise - what am I?"

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors: "The poor have it, The rich need it, If you eat it, you'll die. More evil than the devil, and greater than God?"

The answer to the first riddle is A RIDDLE! The answer to the second riddle is NOTHING!

So what? Well, NOTHING is greater than God. And yet God seems like a RIDDLE to most people.

What is the clearest, best way to know God - what he's like, what he thinks of you, how much he loves you?

Jesus. But, Jesus seems like a RIDDLE to most people.

Do you know who Jesus is? Do you know what you're supposed to do with Jesus?

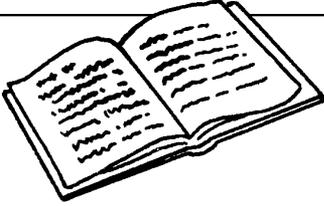
Some people may tell you Jesus was a nice guy but he is not a big deal. Some may tell you he was crazy. Some may tell you he was a bad man. In Colossians, Paul says the Bible alone reveals the truth about the mystery of Jesus.

The truth is Jesus is the God-man who came from heaven to live for you, and die for you, and be raised again for you. Because he loves you. What you're supposed to do is believe he loves you and that he has saved you. And you're supposed to believe that his love and salvation is for anyone who wants it.

KIDS' CORNER

What did God make known?

Complete the multiplication table,
then use the letter code to fill in the missing words.



x	2	4	6	8
3	C	E	G 18	H
5	I	L	M	N
7	R	S	T	Y

“God has chosen to make known among
the _____
18 12 40 42 10 20 12 28
the glorious _____ of
14 10 6 24 12 28
this _____, which is
30 56 28 42 12 14 56
_____ in you,
6 24 14 10 28 42
the hope of glory.”



KIDS' CORNER

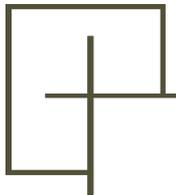
Paul worked hard to proclaim the glorious message,
"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Use 4 of the 5 letters in each row to spell the name of an animal. Place the unused letter on the line after the number. Use the letters as a code to find 5 things the Apostle Paul would do for the church.

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