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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

## Order Of Worship

April 19, 2026

\*Call to Worship | Colossians 1:16-18; Psalm 73:25 |

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

Col 1<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Ps 73<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

## \*Song of Adoration | Blessed Be Your Name

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

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
**Blessed be Your name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your glorious name**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

### **Chorus**

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Beth Redman, Matt Redman*

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

*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.**

## \*Song of Confession | Have Mercy

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

Have mercy on me O God  
Remember not my sin  
Have mercy O Lord of love  
Cleanse me from within

**By Your mercy clean my heart  
And I'll proclaim how great Thou art  
Deliver me from guilt and shame  
And I'll sing out, "Praise His name"**

Wash me and I shall be  
Whiter than snow  
Mold me and make me whole  
All to You I owe

### **Chorus**

Let these broken bones rejoice  
Give me gladness give me joy  
Hide your face from all my sin  
Renew this spirit once again

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Rivan Bennevendo*

## 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.*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious Word. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon | Matthew 6:25, 27, 32-33 |

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*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>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

<sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

<sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

## \*Song of Response | My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

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

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 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.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## \*Reading of Scripture | Colossians 3:1-4 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

**"Walk by Faith and Set Your Mind on Things Above"**  
*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 | Lord I Need You

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

### **Chorus**

Teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

### **Chorus**

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

*Music and Lyrics: Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson*

## Departing Song | How Deep The Father's Love For Us

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give his only Son  
And make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross  
My sin upon His shoulder  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

*Lyrics & Music: Stuart Townend*

## \*Benediction | Revelation 22:20-21 | 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.*

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

## 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).



## 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.



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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

### **Kids and Youth Bible Studies**

*Sunday, April 26, 9am*

*A.D. Players*

Kids and youth, our last Sunday morning Bible study is next week! Come hang out with us next week as we finish our spring series all about the Church!

### **Women's Gathering**

*Tuesday, April 21, 7pm*

The Home of Susan Arnoult

Ladies — gather with us this Tuesday, April 21st for a time of fellowship and discussion at Susan Arnoult's home. Zoe Bennevendo will be sharing thoughts on faithful stewardship and rest.

### **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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# KIDS' LESSON

Have y'all ever seen the movie Tangled about Rapunzel? Remember when she's just a baby she gets stolen away and she's locked up in a tower but the tower can't hide everything. And her mom and dad, the king and queen, light thousands of these floating lanterns every year on her birthday hoping that she'll see them and lead her home. And one year she realizes these lanterns are meant for her, leading her to the home she's always longed for.

Have you ever gotten homesick? Been to camp? Or spending the night out? When do you stop getting homesick? When you get home! But, when do you start to stop getting homesick? When your mom or dad pick you up! You start feeling back at home as soon as you're back with your mom and dad because your mom, your dad - that's home.

In the New Testament book, in Colossians 3, Paul the Apostle is going to tell us today that right now we are all homesick for heaven. Which is kind of weird? Why do you think it's a little weird that we're homesick for heaven? We've never been to heaven but the Bible tells us that is our real home; we're homesick for heaven, a home we've never been to, kind of like Rapunzel. And even though you've never been there - that's where Jesus is.

And you know Jesus. He is your King, your Lord, your Savior. He came from heaven to live for you and to die for you to save you from your sin and death, because he loves you more than anything and he did it so that you can go home to heaven to be with him forever.

So whenever you're sad here in this life, it's really a homesickness to be with Jesus in heaven and the good news is that Jesus is going to get you home!



# KIDS' CORNER



What will happen when Christ appears?

Use letters from the list to form 3-letter words that match the clues. Then use the code to find what will happen.

A E G H I L M N O P R S T W Y

timid	◆	☆	◐
uncooked	◇	●	▽
2,000 pounds	■	○	△
precious stone	◐	▮	♥
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# KIDS' CORNER

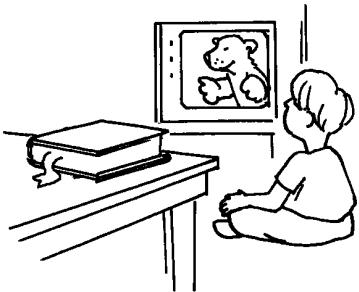
In each row, find and circle 2 or 3 things we enjoy on earth.  
Write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete the verse.

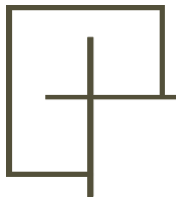
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Set your minds on  
things above, not on

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