

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

## Order Of Worship

April 26, 2026

\*Call to Worship | 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## \*Song of Adoration | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

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.

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.

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.

*Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley*

## \*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith Q.35

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

### **What is sanctification?**

**Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

**\*Song of Confession | From the Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee**

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

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)  
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)  
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

*Music and Lyrics: Martin Luther, Richard Massie*

## Confession of Sin | 1 John 1:5-6, 8, 10

*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.*

**<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth... <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us... <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

## Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:7, 9 | 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>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin... <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## \*Song of Response | Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God  
With Christ, my Savior and my God

*Music and Lyrics: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook*

## 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 | There Is a Fountain

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

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

*Music and Lyrics: William Cowper, Lowell Mason, Mark Willard*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

**\*Reading of Scripture | Colossians 3:1-11 | 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.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

**"Walk by Faith by Mortifying Sin"**

*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 Sinners

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

*Music and Lyrics: Joseph Hart, Brooks Ritter*

## Departing Song | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to Earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Lyrics & Music: Charles Wesley*

**\*Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 5:23 | Rev. Blake Arnout**

*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>23</sup> 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](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!

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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

**Save the dates for our summer gatherings!**

### **Men's Monthly Bible Studies**

*Fridays, May 1, June 5, and August 7*

Bean and Bottle

### **Women's Monthly Bible Study**

*Tuesdays, May 5, June 2, and August 4*

Home of Susan Arnoult

### **Adult Teaching Series**

#### **Scripture**

*Tuesdays, June 9, 30, and July 28, 7pm*

The Wade Home

### **Kids' Summer Gathering**

*Saturday, June 20, 3:15pm*

Hyper Kidz Westchase

### **Women's Gathering**

*Tuesday, June 23, 7pm*

The Beaty Home

### **Fall Kick-Off**

*Sunday, August 23, 11:30am*

Pickleball Social

# 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

“God help me fight temptation to sin by helping me remember what Jesus did for me, that he died for me, and that his love is better than the stuff of sin.”

# KIDS' LESSON

Y'all know any Greek Mythology? Y'all ever heard about the Sirens. They were these beautiful angel-like creatures with amazing voices BUT they were evil! They sang the most beautiful songs that enchanted sailors to sail towards them and when the sailors did they'd crash on the reefs near their island and die. And the Sirens loved it.

So one time this guy Odysseus, trying to get his men home after war, sails by these Sirens and he knows what's up so he orders his men to put wax in their ears and to tie him to the mast of the ship. He's going to listen to the music. So they sail by and the sirens sing and the men are fine because they can't hear but Odysseus is going nuts, it's like torture, he's begging the men to steer toward the Sirens.

That's a picture of how a lot of Christians try to make it through life, like Odysseus tying himself up or we stick wax in our ears - I'm just going to do my best to beat my sin myself and try my hardest to be good and I'll try to ignore temptation as much as I can and hopefully I'll make it through life.

But another time this guy Jason and the Argonauts are sailing by the Sirens and they try something different when the Sirens sing. Orpheus was on board and he was like the greatest musician ever so they have Orpheus play his harp and he starts playing music so beautifully that it drowns out the sound of the Sirens and they sail safely by and live.

That's like the power of the gospel Paul is talking about in Colossians 3. Do you want to change for the better? You want to love Jesus and the church more? Just trying harder can't change you. But looking to Jesus in heaven and listening to the gospel is like listening to the most beautiful song. The gospel is that song about Jesus dying for your sin and you hear it and it makes you hate your sin and love Jesus more. The gospel is that song about Jesus being resurrected and ruling in heaven now and you hear it and it makes you love Jesus more and want to be with him in heaven.

The grace of that gospel is so much more powerful than anything we could ever do to beat our sin.



# KIDS' CORNER



## Set Your Heart on Things Above

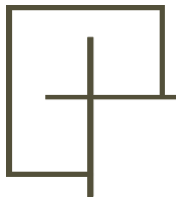
How can we be with Christ in glory?

Solve each math problem, coloring in the heart in the column under the correct answer. Write the letters in order on the lines below to complete the verse.

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