

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

May 10, 2026

*Call to Worship | Revelation 1:5-6 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

⁵ To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Song of Adoration | Arise My Soul Arise

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

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Arise (arise) arise (arise)

Arise arise my soul arise

Arise (arise) arise (arise)

Arise arise my soul arise

Shake off your guilty fears and rise
He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

Chorus

My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

***Confession of Faith | Psalm 150**

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

¹ Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!**

**² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

**³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

**⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

**⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

**⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

*Song of Confession | What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Music and Lyrics: Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven

Confession of Sin | Agnus Dei

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.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Assurance of Pardon | John 16:33 | 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.

³³ "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

*Song of Response | And Can It Be

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

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be?
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

/ Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me? /

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley, John Purifoy

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 | Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

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

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

Music and Lyrics: Anne Steele, Kevin Twit

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Colossians 3:1-17 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

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

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

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

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Walk by Faith by Vivifying the Heart, Again"

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 | The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

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

Departing Song | On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

We begin to end in faith and song.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

**I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land**

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Benjamin Brainard, Samuel Stennett

*Benediction | Psalm 29:11 | 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.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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

Adult Teaching Series

Scripture

Tuesday, June 9, 7pm

The Wade Home

For our summer adult teaching series we are visiting all the big, complicated questions about Scripture. Who wrote it and why? Is it complete? Is it all true? Are there errors? And so much more!

Kids' Summer Gathering

Saturday, June 20, 3:15pm

Hyper Kidz! Westchase

Kids and parents are invited to hang with us on June 20th for a fun time at Hyper Kidz! indoor playground!

Women's Gathering

Tuesday, June 23, 7pm

The Beaty Home

Let's gather together for a fun evening of floral design with our own horticulturist, Cassie Cobb. Bring a dozen of your favorite flowers to share and a couple of vases so you can create an arrangement for yourself and one to share with a friend!

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

Who likes mayonnaise? Even if you think it tastes horrible, do you know how amazing it is? Do you like ranch dressing? Do you like mayo on a burger? Grilled cheese? Did you know people put mayo in their hair? I used to hate it but now I love it. Whether you love it or even if you hate it - mayonnaise is amazing. Because... mayonnaise should be impossible.

Do you know what mayonnaise basically is? It's oil and water. And you may not know this but oil and water don't mix. You can mix milk and chocolate syrup to make - chocolate milk but go home and pour oil and water in a glass and they won't mix unless you stir it, but if you come back a little while later they're separated again because oil and water don't mix.

BUT that's what mayonnaise is - oil and water! How is the impossible possible? Because mayonnaise also has this thing called an EMULSIFIER, super fun word to say. An emulsifier can bring two different things together that don't belong together. Do you know what the emulsifier is in mayo? It's an egg!

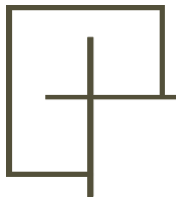
So the egg looks at the water and says, don't worry about the oil, you just hold onto me. And the egg looks at the oil and says, don't worry about the water, you just hold onto me. As the water and the oil, who don't get along, don't have anything in common, hold onto the egg - what happens? They come together! That's the miracle of mayonnaise.

So what for us? The church is like oil and water. The church is made up of people that are like oil and water - there are so many different kinds of people in our church you'd think we would not mix well together.

We're not just supposed to just show up here and "get along" and be polite with one another. We're supposed to serve one another BECAUSE we love one another. All these different people, seems impossible, how is the impossible possible? What holds us together?

Jesus is the emulsifier - Jesus is the thing that brings different people together, because he looks at you and says I love you, I love you so much I lived for you and died for you so you just hold onto me and love me. And then he looks at you and tells you I love you so much I lived for you and died for you to save you forever so you just hold onto me. And if you're holding onto Jesus and loving him - then we're going to love each other holding onto Jesus too with Jesus' love and that will look like serving one another, taking care of one another.

Paul is going to tell us in Colossians 3 to hold onto Jesus and he will connect you to other people here you thought you could never like, never get along with, never love and you will love them and serve them. Hold onto Jesus and he will and he'll make us one, one people, one family.



SUNDAYS, 10 AM

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