

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 17, 2026

*Call to Worship | Hebrews 12:22-24 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

*Song of Adoration | Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

***Confession of Faith | Psalm 73:25-26; Ephesians 1:3**

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

Psalm 73

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?

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

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Ephesians 1

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

*Song of Confession | Gracious God

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

Gracious God, great is our sin
But Holy Lord Great is Your love

**The burden's too heavy to carry
The pain is too real to hide
The sin is too deep to undo
Lord hear our cry**

Forgive what our lips tremble to name
And take what our hearts can no longer bear

Chorus

Lord grant us grace to be more like you
Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world

Chorus

// Set us free from a past we can't change
Lord grant us grace
Give us a future where we can be changed
Lord grant us grace //

Gracious God, great is our sin
But Holy Lord Great is Your love

Chorus

**The burden's too heavy to carry
It burns like a fire inside
The judgement is too much to bear
Lord hear our cry**

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.

God, our Father, we confess before you today both our unworthiness and our infirmities, our weaknesses, and our lack of wisdom, our license, and our desire to control our own lives. We confess that we are all together dependent on you day to day for that mercy which we find at your throne of grace. Give us that mercy again today and lift up our hearts to you. Help us to put all our trust in you both for eternal salvation and for the daily provisions of life, for ourselves and for those for whom we are responsible for their care. Enable us to manifest the mind of Christ at all times; to freely self-sacrifice and show love for all people in order that we might freely serve you well.

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.

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

*Song of Response | You Are Holy

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

You are Lord of Lords, you're the King of Kings
You are Mighty God, Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, you're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the Living God, you're my Saving Grace
You will reign forever, you are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha, Omega, beginning and end
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend

You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (All of my days)

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords)
And worship (You're the King of Kings)
The King who (You are Mighty God)
Is worthy (Lord of everything)
I will love and (You're Emmanuel)
Adore Him (You're the Great I Am)
I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace)
Before Him (Who is the Lamb)
I will sing to (You're the Living God)
And worship (You're my Saving Grace)
The King who (You will reign forever)
Is worthy (You are Ancient of Days)
I will love and (You are Alpha Omega)
Adore Him (Beginning and End)
I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah)
Before Him (Redeemer and Friend)

//You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for you//

Music and Lyrics: Carolyn Arends, Mark Harris, Michael W. Smith

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 | Trust and Obey

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

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

**Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey**

Not a burden we bear
Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey

Chorus

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey

Chorus

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey

Chorus

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 3:1-4, 17-4:1 | Rev. Blake Arnoult
God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

³ 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.

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.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

⁴ ¹ Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Being Religious in the World"

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 | Cornerstone

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

He is Lord
Lord of all

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, William B. Bradbury

Departing Song | This Is My Father's World

We begin to end in faith and song.

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Was giv'n to show God's love.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Lyrics & Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, John Ribble, Maltbie D. Babcock

*Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26 | 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.

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you 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

“Jesus help me to love my family well, the way you love me!”

KIDS' LESSON

What are some of your least favorite words, like you hear them and they make you mad or scared or nervous? Covid, finals, school, high school, college, submission, slavery, death, work.

Imagine you have the grossest and most boring job in the world. Y'all know what a buffet is? When all the food is on display and you go through the line and serve yourself. You know what they do with the leftovers? There's a job called pig slop processor. You go through all the leftover buffet food that's been thrown in the garbage and clean out plastic and glass and other trash. Then you recook all the leftovers into a slop and then you feed it to pigs. Or imagine you clean toilets at an airport or portapotties. Or imagine you're a vomit cleaner at a theme park. Or you're a roadkill cleaner and you drive around cleaning up animals that have been run over. Imagine worst job ever.

And imagine one other person does this job with you. Ok you both have to work 12 hours a day. You get no vacation for 12 months. BUT you get different pay. The other person is told that they will be paid \$100 at the end of the year. But you are told that you will get paid \$100 million dollars at the end of the year. The two of you are going to do the same work for the same amount of time but you're going to have totally different experiences. The other person is going to get about a week or two in and say, I can't take it!!! This is too much; it's too hard; I'm going crazy; it's not worth it!! This is dumb. I quit!!! And you're over there (whistling; rit dit do doo; maybe dancing around the vomit you're cleaning up, laughing when the recooked slop splashes in your mouth). All good here.

How does that work? Same job, same work? Because the nastiness and the long same days over and over, all the suffering is nothing compared to the reward and the glory that is coming. How you do here in the present is totally shaped by what you believe is coming in the future.

Paul is not saying that working hard in this life isn't really that hard and stop complaining. The Bible says working hard is hard. And working for your teachers, or your parents, or working for a boss, even working for yourself is hard!! But, Paul is also going to tell us that your present work is nothing compared to your future glory. When you believe in Jesus and the gospel you know that nothing in this life good or bad can compare to the glory of heaven and being with God forever. Everyone else in this world looks is obsessed with this present life. Christianity is obsessed with the future. If you want to live life right now and be able to work hard no matter what you're working on you need to be obsessed with thinking about the future of heaven which you know is certain NOT because of your work right now but because of whose work?

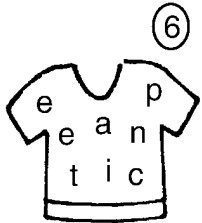
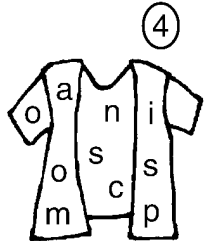
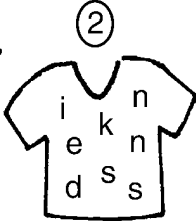
Your future in heaven is certain because of Jesus' work. Because he lived and died for you - you will live again after you die, forever in glory, with God. That's your hope.

KIDS' CORNER

Encourage One Another Daily

We are holy, chosen
and dearly loved by God.

Unscramble the words on the shirts for characteristics we should "wear."



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

KIDS' CORNER

Our actions will be good if our hearts are filled with good things.

Use the code to find the 3 things we should have in our hearts.

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⊕ = B	□ = F	✈ = J	✕ = N	ℓ = R	⋆ = V	⋆ = Z
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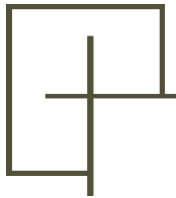
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