

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 24, 2026

*Call to Worship | Revelation 5:12-13 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹² "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

*Song of Adoration | Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all does reign
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Music and Lyrics: George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, Matthew Bridges

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith Ch.14.2
Of Saving Faith

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

By faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

*Song of Confession | Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

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

Come boldly to the throne of grace
Ye wretched sinners come
And lay your load at Jesus' feet
And plead what He has done

"How can I come?" some soul may say
"I'm lame and cannot walk
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth
I sign but dare not talk"

**He makes the dead to hear His voice
He makes the blind to see
The sinner lost He came to save
And set the prisoner free**

Come boldly to the throne of grace
Though lost and blind and lame
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend
And ever was the same

Poor bankrupt souls who feel and know
The hell of sin within
Come boldly to the throne of grace
The Lord will take you in

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: D. Herbert, Brian T. Murphy, Clint Wells

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 | 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 | Sweet Comfort

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

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

**Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart**

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

Chorus

This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

Chorus

He is my God though dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To him I leave it all

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Latifah Phillips, Sandra McCracken

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 | Before The Throne Of God Above

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

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 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 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.

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, 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 | Grace Alone

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear you call
But Father you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father you loved me still

**And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone**

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus you paid my debt

**By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone**

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks a heart made of stone
But Spirit you moved in me

**And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone**

**So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone**

Music and Lyrics: Dustin Kensrue

Departing Song | Jesus | My Cross Have Taken

We begin to end in faith and song.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Lyrics & Music: Henry Francis Lyte and Billy Foote

***Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 | 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.

¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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!

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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

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

“Father, help me to think about Jesus and his salvation and help me to think about others and their needs more than I think about myself.”

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?

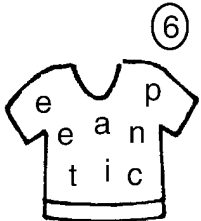
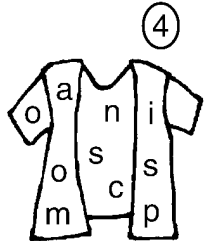
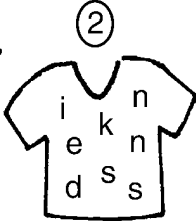
Your future in heaven is certain because of Jesus' work. Because he lived and died for you - you will live again after you die, forever in glory, with God. That's your hope.

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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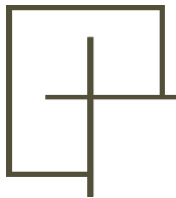
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