

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 31, 2026

*Call to Worship | Hebrews 4:14, 16 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession...¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Song of Adoration | All Creatures of Our God and King

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

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beams,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice

Chorus

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light

Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper,

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch.20
Of Christian Liberty

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

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind.

*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.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us, we pray through him who loved us and gave Himself for us, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:1 | 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.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*Song of Response | All Must Be Well

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

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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Music and Lyrics: Mary Bowly Peters, Matthew S. 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 | Isaiah 43

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

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

**For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior**

**I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)**

When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus

I am the Lord

Music and Lyrics: Anonymous

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, Work"

Colossians: Praying and Witnessing

Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Blake Arnoult

Sacrament of Baptism

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Baptism, as the administration of the element of water, symbolizes a flood. Baptism is a sign of death and judgment. That sign signifies that you experience death and judgment not by yourself but with Christ, and in being united to him in judgment he takes the curse we deserve for us and we come out of judgment to resurrection and eternal life. That sign signifies more than just the future judgment that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experienced judgment by God in the Spirit with Jesus. The function of baptism is to be a ratifying seal to those who profess faith in Christ as Lord and Savior as their entrance into the covenant community as belonging to our Lord and his family. Therefore, as believing parents submit themselves to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is appropriate and expected that they bring their children who are under their parental authority under the authority of the Lord and that those children receive the sign of baptism as belonging to the covenant community.

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 | Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
Still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Music and Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

Departing Song | Gloria Patri

We begin to end in faith and song.

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end.

Amen, amen

Lyrics & Music: Henry Wellington Greatorrex

*Benediction | 2 Peter 1:2-3 | 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.

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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

“Father, give us this day our daily bread!”

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



Since we are working for the Lord Christ, how should we then work?

Use the code to complete Paul's instructions.

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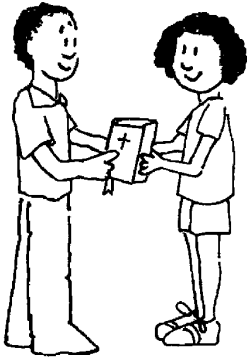
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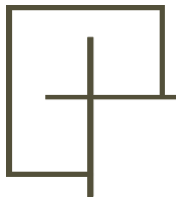
A Christian's work includes teaching God's word to others and sharing a heartfelt spirit of thanksgiving.

Find and circle all the words from the verse in the word search. (*The, you, in, as, and, an, and with* appear only once in the word search, though they are used more than once in the verse.)



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

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