

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

## Order Of Worship

July 05, 2026

**\*Call to Worship** | Based on 1 Peter 3:1-5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

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**\*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  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
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 | Nicene Creed**

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

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

## \*Song of Confession | Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

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

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,  
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With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet

*Music and Lyrics: Anne Steele, Kevin Twit*

## 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.*

**O Mighty Father, the tomb calls forth my adoring wonder, for it is empty and Christ is risen! Grant me to be crucified with Christ that I may live a new life. For I wish to be dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world, that I might not hear the voice of the evil one and be seduced by his lusts. Purge me from selfishness, pride, the fear of man, and the desire to be highly esteemed by others. Grant me to stand with my dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, and to be willing to suffer for His sake. Grant me more of His resurrection life. May it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence, through Jesus Christ, my resurrected and ascended Lord! Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon | Luke 24:45-48 | 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>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## \*Song of Response | Jesus Cast a Look on Me

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

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

*Music and Lyrics: John Berridge, Matthew Jones*

## 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 | Be Thou My Vision

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

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Music and Lyrics: Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

**\*Reading of Scripture | Psalm 16 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

16<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

*"Old Testament Hope of Resurrection"*

*Psalms: Songs of "Amen"*

**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 | Take My Life And Let It Be

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Music and Lyrics: Frances Ridley Havergal, Henri Abraham Cesar Malan*

## Departing Song | There Is A Fountain

*We begin to end in faith and 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*

## \*Benediction | John 11:25 | 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.*

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

## 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!

\*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.



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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, July 28, 7pm

*Save the date!*

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!

### **Fall Kick-Off**

Sunday, August 23, 11:30am

*Pickleball Social*

Cornerstone's Fall Kick-Off and third annual pickleball tournament is just around the corner! For players and non-players alike, this is a fun event for all ages to fellowship and enjoy one another. Lunch is provided! View the tournament details and sign up on our website or Church Center!

# 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

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."  
Psalm 16:2

## ? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.1**

What is the chief end of man?  
Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.



## PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, because of Jesus you have given my soul new, eternal life and I know and hope that you will also do the same for my body one day. I praise you for my salvation."

# KIDS' LESSON

In the fifth Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Harry is asking the ghost, Nearly Headless Nick, about death and if people who die can choose to come back as ghosts. Nick, the ghost, explains: "I was afraid of death. I chose to remain behind. I sometimes wonder whether I ought not to have... Well, that is neither here nor there.... In fact, I am neither here nor there...." Nick gave a small sad chuckle. "I know nothing of the secrets of death, Harry, for I chose my feeble imitation of life instead." Sometimes that's how we can think of going to heaven, like we die and we just float around like spirits, like ghosts, forever. That is NOT our hope. We believe when we die our souls will go to paradise in heaven away from sin, death, and the devil. AND, we believe one day Jesus will come back and resurrect our bodies from the grave and reunite our souls with our new, awesome, perfect, beautiful, powerful resurrected bodies and we will live bodily in the new heavens and new earth forever! Death does not win. Jesus wins. Jesus beat death and not just for himself. Because he died on the cross for your sins he beat your death too. Jesus is going to get you out of the grave.

# KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON



Favorite song  
today was:

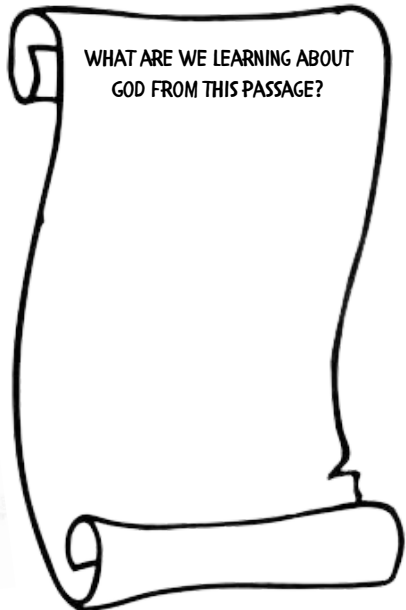
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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



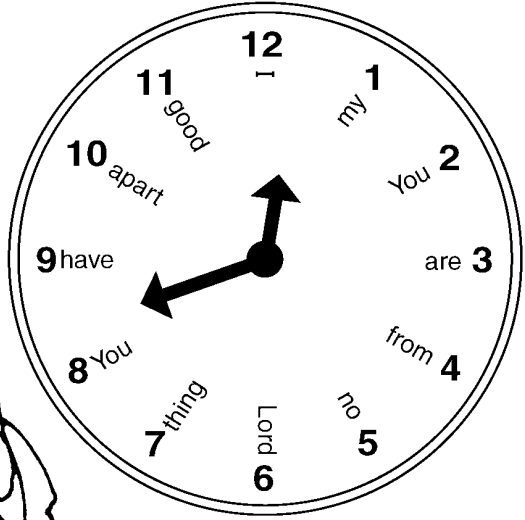
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GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?





# KIDS' CORNER

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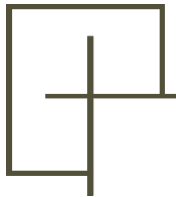


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