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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

July 26, 2026

*Call to Worship | Psalm 103:1-5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**People: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Pastor: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Song of Adoration | Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Music and Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander

***Confession of Faith | Psalm 103:6-12**

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

- 6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- 9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

*Song of Confession | Abide With Me

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

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Music and Lyrics: Henry Francis Lyte, William Henry Monk

Confession of Sin | Based on Psalm 51

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, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Acts 10:42-43 | 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.

⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

*Song of Response | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

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 wilt 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 spring-time 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

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 | Great Are You Lord

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

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

// All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord //

// Chorus //

Music and Lyrics: David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Psalms 79 and 137 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

79 ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

² They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the heavens for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.

³ They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.

⁵ How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call upon your name!

⁷ For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.

⁸ Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.

⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake!

¹⁰ Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God?"

Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants
be known among the nations before our eyes!

- ¹¹ Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;
according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!
- ¹² Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors
the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord!
- ¹³ But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

137 ¹ By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.

² On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.

³ For there our captors
required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

- ⁴ How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a foreign land?
- ⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!
- ⁶ Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!

- ⁷ Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!"
- ⁸ O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,
blessed shall he be who repays you
with what you have done to us!
- ⁹ Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones
and dashes them against the rock!

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Mad Songs"

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 | It Is Well With My Soul

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul"

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Horatio G. Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

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 Greathouse

*Benediction | Philippians 4:19-20 | 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.

¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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, July 28, 7pm

Home of Blake and Ryan Arnoult

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!

Men's Gathering

Saturday, August 1, 4:30pm

Frost Brewery

1719 Ruiz St. Houston, TX 77002

Cornerstone men, join us the evening of August 1 for the Astros vs. Rangers game! We'll gather at Frost Brewery before the game and walk over to Daikin Park together. Go 'Stros!

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 time with one another. Lunch is provided! View the tournament details and sign up by scanning the code below!



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

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.



PRAYER REQUEST

“Father, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

KIDS' LESSON

Have y'all heard, "Looks can be deceiving." "Don't judge a book by its cover."

There's a new pizza place in town that has the reaper challenge. You can pay a little extra and the pizza guy will hide these super super hot pepper flakes under the cheese of one of your slices and you take it home and somebody finds out which slice is the reaper slice. I know someone who just did it, and the whole pizza looked normal, the first person took a bite and immediately spit it out but the other friend didn't believe them, the pizza slice looked like a pizza slice so they took two bites of the reaper slice and her mouth felt like it was exploding, she had to chug a gallon of milk and then couldn't get out of bed the rest of the night, she felt like she was gonna die.

What's y'all's favorite food?

Looks good but bad - Any fast food, donuts, candy, ice cream, I know two people when they were kids one would eat sticks of butter, the other would get a spoon and eat butter out of the tub.

Looks bad but good - kiwi, guacamole, chili, old, blue smelly cheese.

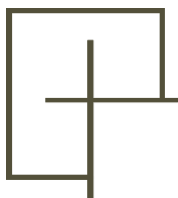
Sometimes things that look good turn out to be bad. Just because something looks good on the outside doesn't mean they're good on the inside. There's a lot of stuff in life that the world says is good that turns out to be bad. Like, "Live however you want to live." "Don't let anyone tell you what to do." "Look out for number 1." "You're good enough just the way you are." That stuff is bad for you.

Sometimes things that look bad turn out to be the best. Like the gospel. Like Jesus. Jesus may look weak and it may seem like Jesus is not good for anything and if you believe in him you're a big weirdo. But the truth is Jesus lived for you and died for you to save you from everything that's bad. And he didn't stay dead. He was raised and now rules everything from heaven. The gospel about Jesus is true and it's the only power that can save you and anyone else, so have faith! Believe in Jesus!! And believe he's for you and for anyone who wants him.

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

A large, blank scroll with a black outline. At the top, the text "WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The scroll is unrolled, showing a large blank space for writing.



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