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H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

August 2, 2026

*Call to Worship | Psalm 121:1-2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

*Song of Adoration | Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

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

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
/// He has washed us with His blood ///

He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
/// He has washed us with His blood ///

He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
/// He who washed us with His blood ///

Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
/// He who washed us with His blood ///

Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
/// Thou hast washed us with Thy blood ///
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Music and Lyrics: John Newton and Laura Taylor

*Confession of Faith | Philippians 2:4-11

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

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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 | Kyrie Eleison

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:11-12 | 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.

- 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 Response | Trust and Obey

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

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 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 | This Is My Father's World

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

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Psalm 132 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

⁰ A Song of Ascents.

¹ Remember, O Lord, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,

² how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

³ "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,

⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵ until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.

⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"

⁸ Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.

⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.

¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:

"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.

¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."

¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:

¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

- ¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- ¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.
- ¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- ¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"A Song of Gathering"

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 | The Old Rugged Cross

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross.
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world.
Has a wondrous attraction for me,
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

Chorus

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear,
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: George Bennard

Departing Song | Cornerstone

We begin to end 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

*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!

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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

Monthly Bible Studies

Our new Bible studies begin next week!

The Book of Judges

Women's Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, August 11, 7pm

The Home of Susan Arnoult

Men's Monthly Bible Study

Friday, August 14, 7am

Bean and Bottle

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

As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Psalm 103:12

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

Is there more than one true God?

No. There is only one true God.

What is God like?

God is a spirit, is eternal, and is a personal Being. He is perfect in holiness and is all-powerful and all-knowing.

What does it mean that God is holy?

God is set apart from all other beings. He is perfect and pure.



PRAYER REQUEST

Remember to not only pray for yourself but to pray for others to believe in Jesus and be saved.

KIDS' LESSON

Have y'all ever seen the movie Tangled about Rapunzel? Remember when she's just a baby she gets stolen away and she's locked up in a tower but the tower can't hide everything. And her mom and dad, the king and queen, they light thousands of these floating lanterns every year on her birthday hoping that she'll see them and lead her home. And one year she realizes these lanterns are meant for her, leading her somewhere - to the home she's always longed for. You gotta go home and see how it ends.

For you, who here has ever gotten homesick? Been to camp? Or even spending the night out?

When do you stop getting homesick?

When you get home!

But, when do you start to stop getting homesick?

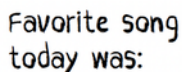
When your mom or dad pick you up! You start feeling back at home as soon as your back with your mom and dad because your mom, your dad - that's home.

Psalms 132 is going to tell us today that right now we are all homesick for heaven. Which is kind of weird? Why do you think it's a little weird that we're homesick for heaven?

We've never been to heaven but the Bible tells us that is our real home; we're homesick for heaven, a home we've never been to, kind of like Rapunzel.

And even though you've never been there - that's where Jesus is. And you know Jesus. He is your King, your Lord, your Savior. He came from heaven to live for you and to die for you to save you from your sin and death, because he loves you more than anything and he did it so that you can go home to heaven to be with him forever.

So whenever you're sad here in this life, it's really a homesickness to be with Jesus in heaven and the good news is that Jesus is going to get you home!

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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

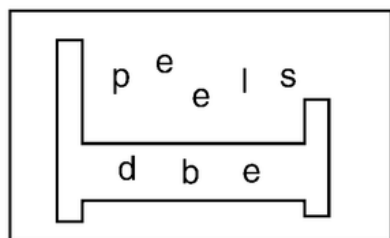
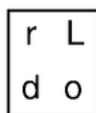
A large, blank scroll with a black outline. At the top, the text "WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The scroll is unrolled, showing a large blank space for writing.

KIDS' CORNER

In Praise of the Temple

King David made a vow
to the Lord. What was his promise to God?

Unscramble the words in the shapes in the picture
below and fit them into the sentence
to find David's promise to God.



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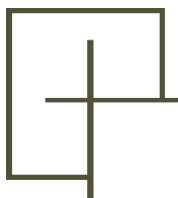
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"I will not enter my _____ or go to my _____ – I will
allow no _____ to my _____ ... till I _____ a
_____ for the _____."



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