

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

August 16, 2026

*Call to Worship | Psalm 118:24 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*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 | Heidelberg Catechism Q.129

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

What is the meaning of the word "Amen"?

Amen means: So shall it truly and surely be, for my prayer is much more certainly heard of God than I feel in my heart that I desire things of Him.

***Song of Confession | Grace Greater Than Our Sin**

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

**Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin**

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away?
Look, There is flowing a crimson tide
Brighter than snow you may be today

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Julia Harriette Johnston, Daniel Brink Towner

Confession of Sin | Confession of Sin | Psalm 51:1-4, 8-9

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.

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 1:16 | 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.

- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.**

*Song of Response | Thy Mercy My God

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

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Music and Lyrics: John Stocker

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 | All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Music and Lyrics: Edward Perronet, John (adapt) Rippon, Oliver Holden

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Psalm 150 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"The Finale Song"

Psalms: Songs of "Amen"

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.

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 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

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 thy desires e'er 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, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

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

Departing Song | Doxology

We begin to end in faith and song.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Ken

*Benediction | Romans 15:5,6 | 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.

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, August 23, 11:30 am

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!



Fall Sermon Series

Daniel: Visions of Things Unseen

Sunday, August 23, 10 am

There is more to life than we can see. The Book of Daniel is full of tales and visions that reveal the fantastical supernatural realities of this life. Daniel assures us that God is in control even though we desperately want to be in control. The fantasy nature of Daniel is supposed to jolt us awake to see the world as it really is so that we can keep persevering in the faith.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 6

Directly after the worship service

Please join us after the service on Sunday, September 6 for a congregational meeting where you can hear about ministry and budget updates.

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

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens!
Psalm 150:1

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What is the meaning of the word "Amen"?

Amen means: So shall it truly and surely be, for my prayer is much more certainly heard of God than I feel in my heart that I desire things of Him.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father help us to enjoy the love and grace of our Savior Jesus today."

KIDS' LESSON

If I said we were talking about worth-ship today what do you think that means we're going to talk about?

Have you ever thought about that word, "worship"? It comes from an old old word we don't use anymore: "worth-ship". What is something worth to you? What's the one thing that's worth more to you than any other thing? One my kids when they were very young loved their pacifier. They were obsessed. They needed it. But when they got to the age of running around and talking with it in their mouth we told them it was time to give up the pacifier. But this child refused to part with the pacifier. We tried to trade toys, vacations, and money for the pacifier but this child thought the pacifier was worth more than all other things. This child wouldn't trade this pacifier for the world. The pacifier was worth more than anything! Which seems ridiculous. BUT we're all like that little child and there are things in our lives that we think are worth more than anything, that we think are worth more than the world. We can think that about our toys, our stuff, our happiness, our comfort, our success, our grades, our sports. And we're like that little child holding onto a pacifier when there is something more worthy to have.

But at the end of the Book of Psalms in Psalm 150 the psalmist worships God as the one thing, the only thing that is truly WORTH our worship. The world holds out all kinds of things to worship that are not worth our worship. You can have the whole world and in the end have nothing. Would it be worth it? God holds out himself to you. God holds out his Son who came and lived for you and died for you so that you could share in his eternal glory forever and be with him. You may lose the world but if you have Jesus you will get God and heaven forever. Isn't God worth it? Isn't God worth our worship?

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WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

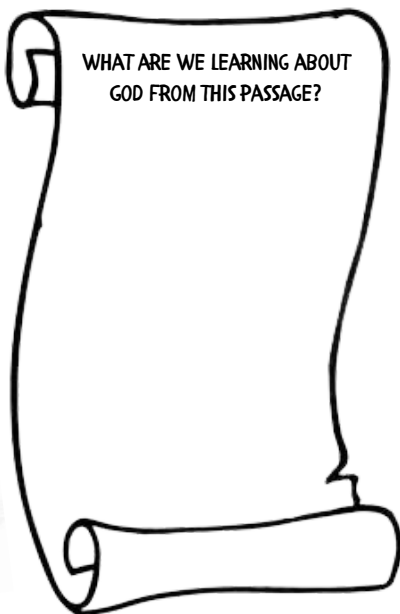


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

Psalm 150 says ...

Use the code to find out.

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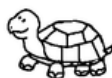
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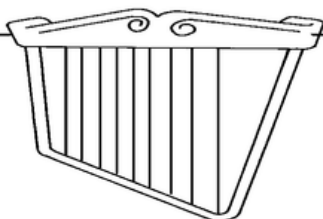


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The Psalm tells us many things
to use to praise the Lord.

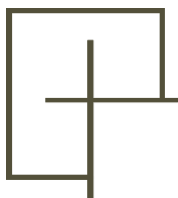
Find those things and some others in the puzzle. There will be 13 uncircled letters. Write them in order to find a message.

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trumpet	tambourine	flute	guitar	horn
harp	dancing	cymbals	piano	organ
banjo	singing	bells	lyre	trombone
strings	oboe			



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