

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 30, 2026

***Call to Worship | Isaiah 2:2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it.

***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
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beams
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

**Oh praise him, Oh 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
That givest man both warmth and light,

Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh 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 | Daniel 2:20-22**

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

- ²⁰ **"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.**
- ²¹ **He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;**
- ²² **he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him."**

*Song of Confession | Arise O 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.

Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know,
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn thy holy ways:
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws.
And govern by thy righteous laws.

Send forth thy glorious pow'r,
That Gentiles all may see,
And earth present her store in converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless,
And fill the world with righteousness,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs ring from every living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry, coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Music and Lyrics: William Hurn

Confession of Sin | Agnus Dei

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.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Assurance of Pardon | John 3:16 | 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 God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

*Song of Response | Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

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

Come boldly to the throne of grace
Ye wretched sinners come
And lay your load at Jesus' feet
And plead what He has done

"How can I come?" some soul may say
"I'm lame and cannot walk
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth
I sign but dare not talk"

**He makes the dead to hear His voice
He makes the blind to see
The sinner lost He came to save
And set the prisoner free**

Come boldly to the throne of grace
Though lost and blind and lame
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend
And ever was the same

Poor bankrupt souls who feel and know
The hell of sin within
Come boldly to the throne of grace
The Lord will take you in

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: D. Herbert, Brian T. Murphy, Clint Wells

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 | He Will Hold Me Fast

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

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!**

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

/Chorus/

He began a work in us; He began a work in us.
He'll complete His work in us; He'll complete His work in us.

**/He will hold us fast; He will hold us fast!
For our Savior loves us so, He will hold us fast!/**

Music and Lyrics: Matt Merker

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Daniel 2:1-13, 24, 31-45 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹ In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³ And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." ⁴ Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation." ⁷ They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation." ⁸ The king answered and said, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm— ⁹ if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

³¹ "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no

human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"A Dream of Two Mountains and Two Advents"

Daniel: Visions of Things Unseen

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 | All Glory Be Forever

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

We had turned from God to sin's disgrace, we chose the path to hell
Perfect law of God condemned our race,
For all in Adam fell
But the righteousness of God appeared
And the world found hope again
For the Righteous One has come down to bear
All the curse of sin and death

**Now to Him Who's seated on the throne,
All glory be forever
Oh, the depths of wisdom, grace, and power,
All glory be forever
All glory be forever**

Every bond of sin that held us fast is left in Jesus' grave
We've been freed from all that gripped our past
From Satan's rule and reign
We've been raised to life to breathe His grace
As captives now reclaimed
All our guilt is gone, all our strivings ceased,
We're alive to seek His fame

Chorus

Now our future's fixed, our journey clear; God will not let us go
Every trial that tempts our hearts to fear
He'll use to give us hope
All creation groans as we await
What our eyes have longed to see
Every pain and evil we've long endured
Will be crushed by Christ our King

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Mack Brock, Wade Joye, Christopher Brown, Steven Furtick

Departing Song | All Must Be Well

We begin to end in faith and song.

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

*Benediction | Psalm 29:11 | 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.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with 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.



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.



Giving Platform Update!

Our online giving platform is changing to a new, mobile-friendly interface called Raisely! While our giving page will look a little different, the giving process stays the same. Those with recurring donations can continue to use existing Aplos Pay credentials to manage gifts through Raisely. Please reach out to Emily McEwin with any questions about the new platform and online giving.

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

Women's Monthly Study

Tuesday, September 1, 7pm

The Home of Susan Arnoult

Men's Monthly Study

Friday, September 11, 7am

Bean and Bottle

Women's Weekly Bible Study

Romans

Wednesday, September 9, 10:30 am

Home of Marion Wade

We will continue our study on Romans this fall. We tend to think Romans is intimidating and scary because there's so much serious theology in it. All the while the world does not take our theology seriously, but instead thinks Jesus and the gospel about a crucified savior is a joke. Part of how we need to approach Romans therefore is seeing Paul point up the absurdity of evil and the devil and death and everything that sets itself up in opposition to Jesus. Paul is not ashamed to hold this gospel out to anyone who wants it.

Sunday Student Studies

Covenants

Sunday, September 13, 9 am

A.D. Players at the George Theater

What's a covenant? Who cares? Covenant is the structure of the Bible. It's like the skeleton that gives the Bible its shape. And since the Bible shapes you, covenant is also like the skeleton of your life. Which means covenant is the key to answering the most important questions in your life. Who cares about covenants? You do.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 13

A.D. Players at the George Theater

A congregational meeting for ministry and budget updates will take place on Sunday, September 13, during the service. All members are encouraged to attend!

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

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What happens to believers when they die?

Our bodies will return to the dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.

What will God do for believers at the last day when Jesus returns?

He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Jesus, I praise you for beating sin and death for us and I pray you come back soon for us to get us all the way home to heaven."

KIDS' LESSON

Do you know how crazy Jesus' resurrection is? You believe there was this man and he was the Son of God incarnate. And you believe this Jesus, from a little teeny tiny town, grew up living a perfect life (even as a kid), never sinned, did everything right, loved God and everyone perfectly, then he died on a cross to take away your sins. A few days later he rose from the grave, and you believe that this dead man came back to life and he ate fish and he showed off his scars and he walked through walls and then went up to heaven and he's coming back to earth someday. That's crazy.

So crazy and so awesome that it changes everything. If Jesus is the Son of God and your Savior then he's worth listening to and spending time with and trusting with your life and your death because your death leads to eternal life. That's actually not all that crazy.

SERMON NOTES

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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

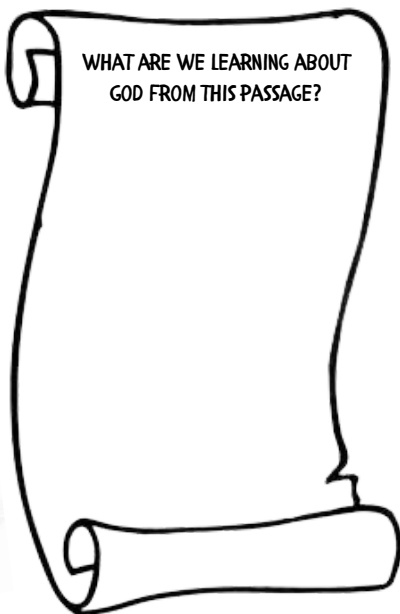


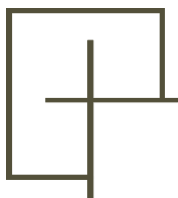
Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?





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