

Order of Worship

February 26, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

People: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

Pastor: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 40:1-5 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing / Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing / Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet / Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it / Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer / Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure / Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger / Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger / Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor / Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter / Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it / Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it / Seal it for Thy courts above.

"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"
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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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 (x3)
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 (x3)
He presents our souls 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 (x3)
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 (x3)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" | Text: John Newton |
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Scripture Reading

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:11-21 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(Chorus): *Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Chorus)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my comfort, helps my soul. (Chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine. (Chorus)

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"
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Ministry Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Butler, Elder

Offertory

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Reconciled to God"

Romans 5:6-11

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Song of Response

Doxology

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.

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Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family and place in the collection plate.

FOUNDATIONS - Join us for a meal on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Afterwards discipleship opportunities for all ages are offered from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery is provided. RSVP at cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations or scan the QR code below to register.

Landscaping Work Day - Saturday, March 11, from 8am-12pm. The team, led by the deacons and Mark Harbarger, will be working on spring landscaping maintenance at the church. Join us! Contact David Hoover at ddhoover53@gmail.com with questions.

Missions Fundraiser Lunch - Save the date for Sunday, March 26th.

Women's Ministry - Join us for an informational meeting about our new Creative Arts Ministry, Tuesday, February 28th, at 11:30am in the Junior High Sunday School room. Contact Suzann Dolan at sdolan73@aol.com or (954) 426-9858 for more information.

Cornerstone Softball - If you are interested in playing on a church softball team this spring, contact Paul McKelvey for more information at (205) 960-4009. Men and women needed!

VBS - Save the date for "Summer Seaquest" June 5th-8th. Volunteers are needed! Email paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org to sign up.

RYM - Registration is open! Join us July 10-15 (students 8th grade and up). Please email brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org for sign up and registration link.

Abounding - Visit cornerstoneabounding.org to learn more about the Abounding initiative.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Kyle Mosier, and Susan Dupré.

Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Bob Boerner, Beverly Park, Elena Lewis, and Cal Brown.

Pray for our homebound friends - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.

Pray for Rick Dillon and his family with the loss of his step-father, Richard Pyburn, this week.

Pray for our expectant mothers - Amy Eckenrode (July), Andrea Mace (July), Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), Sami Pottorf (August), and the Kawell adoption.

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Seth and Jessica Lewis (Missionaries to Ireland) and Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cullman, AL (Pastor Jason Ellerbee).

**The Lord's Day
February 26, 2023**

