

Order of Worship

April 23, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. (Luke 24:52-53 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

ALL: **Praise the LORD!** (Psalm 47:6-10 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Scripture Reading

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (Hebrews 1:1-4 ESV)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Reception of New Members

Steve and Ellen Brewer
Janae Ewalt

Cruise & Christina Hall
Felicity Poe

Membership Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Sacrament of Baptism

Janae Ewalt
Felicity Poe

Song of Celebration

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Brian Russ

"Ascension Blessings"

Luke 24:50-53

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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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

*Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
See! The heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
See! He lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!*

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" | Charles Wesley |
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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.

Communion - We will observe communion next Sunday, April 30th.

Nursery Volunteers Needed! - We need help on Sunday mornings to care for our children in the nursery. If you are a member and would like to volunteer, or have questions, email christina@cornerstonehuntsville.org

Creative Arts Ministry - Will not meet this Tuesday, April 25. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2nd. Contact Suzann Dolan at sdolan73@aol.com for more information.

Graduate Recognition - On April 30th, during the second service, we will be honoring our high school and college graduates. Contact Brian Russ at brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org for more information.

10th Anniversary - We hope you will make plans to join us Sunday, May 7th, for a celebration of Cornerstone's 10th anniversary! Special guest preacher Stephen Estock will be here. There will be a joint Sunday School for everyone where we'll share stories of God's grace over the past 10 years. The celebration will conclude with a picnic lunch at 12:30pm at Monte Sano State Park. More details to come!

VBS - "Summer Sequest" is coming up June 5th-8th. Registration is open! Go to cornerstonehuntsville.org/events to register. Questions? Email Paige McClure at paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for healing - Suzi Bolton, Phil Freeze, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Elena Lewis, Mari Wendorf, and Abby Reese Wren.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Amy Eckenrode (July), Andrea Mace (July), Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), Sami Pottorf (August), Denia Dillon (August), and Melanie Bray (September).

Praise for the Kawell's adoption!

Pray for the Church Officer's Meeting this Wednesday.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Reformed Theological Seminary and North Hills Presbyterian Church, Meridianville, AL (Pastor Adam Tisdale).

The Lord's Day
April 23, 2023