

Order of Worship

April 30, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Graduate Recognition (11:00 AM Service)

Preparation for Worship

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: **Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Pastor: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

People: **Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

Pastor: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

ALL: **And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.** (1 Chronicles 29:10–13 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above,
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest the True Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see,
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
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Scripture Reading

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22:34-40 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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Pastoral Prayer

Frank Cohee, Elder

Offertory

"Speak, O Lord"

Preaching of the Word *Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor*

The Most Important Things for Cornerstone *Deuteronomy 6:1-15*

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Song of Preparation

The Gospel Song

Holy God, in love, became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin;
By His death I live again.

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Corporate Profession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church**, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Christ was buried, and continuing in the state of the dead,
and under the power of death till the third day (WLC #50)

**catholic means the universal, world-wide church

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Please hold the elements so we can take them individually and corporately. Please feel free to pray, sing or quietly meditate as the elements are passed. Gluten-free bread is available, please let the elders know as they pass the bread. Children and guests who have not made a public profession of faith in Christ and have not become a communing member of this (or some other) church are welcome to stay and watch but please do not partake. (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-30 ESV)

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its pow’r;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

“There Is A Fountain”
| William Cowper | Lowell Mason

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

Speak, O Lord

*Speak O Lord as we come to You / To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth plant it deep in us / Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today / In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us / All Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us Lord full obedience / Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes / In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise / Cause our eyes to see.
Your majestic love and authority / Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak O Lord and renew our minds / Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time / That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises / And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak O Lord till Your church is built / And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

“Speak O Lord” | Keith Getty | Stuart Townend
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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.

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 meet this Tuesday, May 2nd. No experience necessary! Contact Suzann Dolan at sdolan73@aol.com for more information.

Youth Group - Will meet this Wednesday, May 3rd, from 6:00-7:30pm.

10th Anniversary - We hope you will make plans to join us next 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. See the bulletin insert for more information. Please RSVP for the picnic at cornerstonehuntsville.org/events.

VBS - “Summer Seaquest” 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 and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, 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 of David Benjamin Kawell, born April 8th!

Pray for Providence Presbytery Meeting this Tuesday, May 2nd.

Pray for General Assembly, June 12th-16th, in Memphis, TN.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Alex and Suzanne Sarran (Missionaries to France) and Redeemer Church of the Shoals, Florence, AL (Pastor Scott Barber).

**The Lord’s Day
April 30, 2023**