

# Order of Worship

## May 12, 2024

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen. (Romans 15:33 ESV)

### Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us!

**People: Come! Let us celebrate the festival!**

(Psalm 46:1, 124:8, 145:9, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ESV)

### Invocation

### Praise and Adoration

#### May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife,  
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

*Chorus: May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad.  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard.  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. (Chorus)

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### Scripture Reading

*I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."* (Romans 15:14–21 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum,  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more;  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

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### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. John Summers, Assistant Pastor

### Offertory

"Oh How Good It Is"

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: By Way of Reminder..."

Romans 15:14-33

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### Song of Preparation

#### Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

*Chorus: O precious is the flow/That makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know/Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

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### Profession of Faith: The Apostles 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 personal 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. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30)*

### Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.

*Chorus: Jesus paid it all/All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain/He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

For nothing good have I where-by Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. (Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat. (Chorus)

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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.

*“Doxology”*  
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## Benediction

### Sermon Notes:

### Oh, How Good It Is

*Oh how good it is/When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit/In faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace/Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence/Here among us.*

*Chorus: So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word.  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

*Oh how good it is/On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy/And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength/The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing/Of belonging.*

*Oh how good it is/To embrace His command  
To prefer one another/Forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one/We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father/And the Spirit.*

*“Oh, How Good It Is”*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest** - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here! If you'd 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 9:45 am.

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

**Outreach Opportunity**- The Forgotten Initiative (foster care ministry) will be collecting boxed snacks (individually wrapped), bath towels, air mattresses (or repair patches), baby formula, laundry detergent, and fast food gift cards to donate to Madison County DHR for children in care. There will be a donation box in the Gathering Room for bigger items, and gift cards can be given to Kathy Slaten. We will drop off the items at DHR on May 21. Please contact Kathy Slaten at [kathys@theforgotteninitiative.org](mailto:kathys@theforgotteninitiative.org) with any questions.

**Men's Ministry Fellowship Dinner** - Men, please bring a friend and join us next Sunday, May 19 at 6 pm in the FLC. The cost is \$10/person. Please help us send Pastor Wilson off on his sabbatical as we pray for him and his time away. Register online at [cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list](http://cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list). The deadline to register is this Tuesday, May 14.

**VBS Olympion 2024 Registration** - VBS is June 3-6 from 9-11:30 am. To register your child, visit [cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list](http://cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list). Please contact Mary Cooper with any questions at [mary@cornerstonehuntsville.org](mailto:mary@cornerstonehuntsville.org).

**2024 Reformers' Cup Golf Tournament** - Please join us on June 8 from 8:30 am-12 pm at the Short Course at RTJ Hampton Cove! Tickets cost \$75/each or \$300/team and cover lunch, golf, warm-up balls, and a \$10 donation to RUF. Register online at [cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list](http://cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list).

**Women's Summer Bible Study** - Join us on Tuesdays from June 11 to July 23 from 9:30-11 am for a 7-session study of Colossians with *Truthfilled* by Ruth Chou Simons. (Nursery provided for ages 4 and under). Please purchase your book now.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pray for church members caring for family** - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

**Pray for healing** - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Ruby Petcher, Marc Goldmon, Abby Reese Wren, and those sick and suffering.

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

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Olivia Hitt (June), Kayla Few (August), and the McMillan adoption.

**Pray** for ongoing construction projects and also our church neighbors.

**Pray** for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - Brent and Selina Miller, Missionaries to Mexico and Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Payne, AL (Rev. Dave Latham).

## The Lord's Day

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