

Order of Worship

May 28, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. (Psalm 61:2b-3 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 Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing/ Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice/ Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice/ Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky/ Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend/ To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end/ Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again/ Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain/ Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore/ His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore/ Alleluia! Amen!

"Come Christians Join To Sing"
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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains.
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen!

"Jesus Shall Reign" Original Words by Isaac Watts (1719)
Original Music by John Hatt on (1793)

Scripture Reading

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

(Isaiah 52:7-15 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

He Will Hold Me Fast

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.

(Chorus) *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour 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 Will Hold Me Fast"
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Ministry Moment

Vacation Bible School

Pastoral Prayer

Jim Shorter, Elder

Offertory

"Rock of Ages"

Preaching of the Word

Mr. John Summers

"From World's End to Enthroned"

Psalm 61

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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

Sermon Notes:

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
Church Office Closed - Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.
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.
Women's Summer Bible Study - "Entrusted to be Invested" is a six week study on 1 Timothy published by the PCA Women's Ministry beginning the 2nd week in June. Go to www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list/ to register or if you have questions contact Heidi at heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org.
VBS Snacks! - Please help us bless our VBS volunteers with yummy snacks and special treats during their work at VBS. See previous email communication or newsletter to sign up. Contact Kelly Butler at (205) 422-8232 with any questions.
Cornerstone T-Shirts to Support Summer Missions - The Yakama and Joni and Friends summer teams are selling Cornerstone logo T-shirts as a fundraiser. See the current newsletter to reserve yours. Last day to order, June 5th.

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, 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).
Pray for General Assembly, June 12th-16th, in Memphis, TN.
Pray for our Missional Partnerships - North Alabama Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Joe Steele).

**The Lord's Day
May 28, 2023**

Rock of Ages

*Rock of Ages cleft for me / Let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood / From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure / Save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands / Can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know / Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone / Thou must save and thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring / Simply to the cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress / Helpless look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly / Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath / When my eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown / See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of ages cleft for me / Let me hide myself in thee.*

*"Rock of Ages"
Augustus Monague Toplady
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