

Order of Worship October 22, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD!

People: For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Pastor: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 130 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"
Christian Henry Bateman | Public Domain

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*Chorus*)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord.

Then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus x2*)

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

Scripture Reading

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So

we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (2 Corinthians 4:7-5:6 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee/ The voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me/ And hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark/ Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain/ Grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works, alas! Are all in vain/ In much the best life faileth;

No man can glory in Thy sight/ All must alike confess Thy might

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord/ And not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest, His word/ Upholds my fainting spirit;

His promised mercy is my fort/ My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes

His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows/ Our upmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He/ Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

"Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)"
Words: Martin Luther | Music: Christopher Miner

Responsive Lament: Psalm 42:1-6

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

ALL: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Is He Worthy"

Preaching of the Word

Mr John Summers

The Gospel of God: All Creation Set Free from Corruption *Romans 8:18-25*

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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" Louis Bourgeois/
Thomas Ken | Words: Public Domain*

Benediction

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.

Communion - Communion will be held next Sunday, October 29th.

FOUNDATIONS - Foundations resumes this Wednesday, October 25th with refreshments at 5:45 pm and discipleship for all ages from 6:15-7:15 PM.

The Doctrines of Grace: How Calvinism Points Us to the Heart of Christ - This seminar will be held on Wednesday evenings during FOUNDATIONS in the Family Life Center.

Ladies' Monthly Prayer Meeting - Friday, October 27th at 10 am in the FLC gym.

Baby Shower - The Women's Ministry is hosting a baby shower for two expectant mothers on Sunday, November 5th from 2-4 pm in the Family Life Center. To RSVP, please email Shelby Hundscheid at hundscheids@gmail.com.

Senior High Sunday Night Fellowship - High school students, please join us on November 5th from 7-8:30 pm at the Shorters' home for a time of fellowship.

Roots Winter Retreat - The Roots Winter Retreat is January 19-21st and is for 6th-12th grade at Camp Toknowhim. It will be a great time of fellowship, hearing the Word, and worship. To register, visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news.

Restrooms Closed - For the next few Sundays, the restrooms on the 2nd floor, west end near adult Sunday School will be closed due to renovations. Please use the single restrooms on the 2nd floor or the restrooms in the FLC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Bryan Gassaway, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Matthew Lawrence, Abby Reese Wren, Gary Abernathy, Susie Shelton, Kendall Junen, Jack Trotter, Kelly Davenport, Palmer Summers, and Loren De Jong.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Olivia Clemons (January) and Lauren Hudgins (February).

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - RUF UAH, RUF Alabama A&M, and Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Albertville, AL (Rev. Jackie Gaston).

**The Lord's Day
October 22, 2023**