

Order of Worship

November 5, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 117 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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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (Ephesians 1:3-10 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior’s name.
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy’s store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He Who washed us with His blood (x3)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (x3)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” | Text: John Newton |
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Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 31, 32, and 36

Pastor: What is effectual calling?

ALL: Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Pastor: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

ALL: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Pastor: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

ALL: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“My Lord I Did Not Choose You”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Brian Russ, Associate Pastor

The Gospel of God: God's Sovereignty and Our Salvation Romans 8:28-30

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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

My Lord I Did Not Choose You

My Lord, I did not choose You,

For that could never be;

My heart would still refuse You,

Had You not chosen me.

You took the sin that stained me,

You cleansed me, made me new;

Of old You have ordained me,

That I should live in You.

Chorus: For Christ my All, my Great Reward

Adorns my life forevermore!

Nothing can change now, who I am,

I'm in Christ, the Hope of man!

I'm in Christ, the Hope of man.

Unless Your grace had called me

And taught my op'ning mind,

The world would have enthralled me,

To heav'nly glories blind.

My heart knows none above You;

for Your rich grace I thirst;

I know that if I love You,

You must have loved me first. (Chorus)

Unless Your Spirit claimed me;

I'd still be bound in sin

Yet Christ alone has saved me

And now I'm found in Him.

And when I stand in glory

And faith gives way to sight

Your joy will crown the chosen

In everlasting light! (Chorus)

*“My Lord I Did Not Choose You” Words: Josiah Conder
Additional Words & Music: Benjamin Brainard*

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, November 12th.

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

Women's Ministry Events - For more information and to sign up, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Cornerstone College Exam Boxes 2023 - Please help us fill encouraging boxes of treats for our Cornerstone college students as they prepare for exams! Collection days are Sunday, November 5th and 12th.

Jesse Tree Christmas Party - Join us on Sunday, November 26th from 4-5:30 pm as we enjoy a Jesse Tree Christmas Party with cookies and cocoa! The Jesse Tree is a wonderful way to celebrate the whole story of the Bible with your family!

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch - Sunday, November 19th after the second service.

Please look for an email with an RSVP link this week. The main dish and beverages will be provided, last names A-J bring a dessert and K-Z bring a side.

Thanksgiving for International Students - If you are interested in hosting one or more international students from UAH this Thanksgiving with InFocus, please send an email to Harold Bryer at sheprest@hotmail.com. For more information, you can contact Seth Waldecker at seth@paradigms.net.

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, Bonnie Stock, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

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

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 peace in Israel and Ukraine.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Ava Weeks (Sixty Feet of Uganda) and North Hills Presbyterian Church, Meridianville, AL (Rev. Adam Tisdale).

**The Lord's Day
November 5, 2023**