

Order of Worship March 26, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

Pastor: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

ALL: My praise is continually of you. Praise the LORD! (Psalm 71:1-6 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sa-ba-oth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
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O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing / My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King / The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God / Assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad / The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears / That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears / 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin / He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean / His blood availed for me.

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Scripture Reading

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." (John 8:31-38 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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Missions Moment

Joni & Friends & Yakama Mission Trips

Pastoral Prayer

Shep Park, Elder

Offertory

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Slaves of God"

Romans 6:15-23

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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

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.

FOUNDATIONS - Our spring semester concludes this Wednesday, March 29th. Join us for a meal at 5:30pm and discipleship opportunities from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery is provided. RSVP at cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations or scan the QR code below.

Missions Lunch - Today after the second worship service, in the FLC. Join us!

Holy Week - Good Friday Communion Service, Friday, April 7th, at 6:00pm. Easter Sunday Services on April 9th at 8:30 and 11:00am, with an Easter Brunch fellowship in the FLC at 9:45am.

Women's Ministry - Save the date for a Spring Shower to benefit HPRC on Sunday, April 16th, from 2pm-4pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

Cornerstone's 10th Anniversary Celebration - Save the date for Sunday, May 7th. More details soon!

VBS - "Summer Seaquest" will be June 5th-8th. Registration is open! Adult and youth volunteers are still needed! Email paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org or go to cornerstonehuntsville.org/events to register and volunteer.

Abounding Conclusion - Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Abounding initiative. Whether for the past three years, or more recently, the Lord has used your generosity to fulfill our mission and vision. The initiative concludes on March 31st, however, we invite you to continue to give as we begin new projects and plan for future ones. Final results of the initiative will be shared later this spring. Plans are underway to begin renovations and parking expansion this summer. More information will come on that in the next few months. If you have any questions please reach out to one of the church officers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Kyle Mosier, and Susan Dupré.

Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Bob Boerner, Beverly Park, Elena Lewis, Cal Brown, and Suzi Bolton.

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), Melanie Bray (September), and the Kawell adoption.

Praise for God calling Chris Moody to serve as Director of Youth and Family Ministries.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Hope City Church, Madison, AL (Pastor Amos Williams) and First Presbyterian Church, Tuscumbia, AL (Pastor Randy Thompson).

**The Lord's Day
March 26, 2023**

