

Order of Worship

May 21, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 95:1-7 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing/Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing/Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet/Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it/Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer/Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure/Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger/Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger/Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor/Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter/Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it/Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it/Seal it for Thy courts above.

"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"
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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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Matt Papa © 2016 Getty Music Hymns and Songs

Baptismal Responsive Scripture Reading

Pastor: And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. (Genesis 17:7 ESV)

People: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. (Acts 2:38-39 ESV)

Pastor: In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:11-12 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sacrament of Baptism

*Georgia Hart Hornor
Daughter of Stewart and Hillary Hornor
(1st service)*

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, and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

Pastoral Prayer

Mike Honeywell, Elder

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Most Important Things for Cornerstone - Part 3" Deuteronomy 6:1-15

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

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision/O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me/Save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought/By day or by night;
Waking or sleeping/Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom/And Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee/And Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father/And I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling/And I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not/Nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance/Now and always:
Thou and Thou only/First in my heart,
High King of heaven/My Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven/My victory won;
May I reach heaven's joys/O bright heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart/Whatever befall;
Still be my vision/O Ruler of all.*

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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

Mom & Kids Play Date - Wednesday, May 24th, from 10am-12pm, at Hays Nature Preserve. Email ashley.h.colette@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Group - Will meet May 24th from 6-7:30pm.

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.

VBS Snacks! - Please help us bless our VBS volunteers with yummy snacks and special treats during their work at VBS. See email communication sent earlier this week with Sign-Up Genius link or contact Kelly Butler at (205) 422-8232.

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.

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, Elena Lewis, 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 - Friends Serving in Western Europe and Village Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Alex Shipman).

The Lord's Day

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