

Order of Worship

May 7, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise;

Come all and tune your hearts to sing

To the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth

We will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy

Reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun

And those weeping through the night

Come, those who tell of battles won

And those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change

And His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days

With the certain hope of peace. (Refrain)

Come, young and old from every land

Men and women of the faith;

Come, those with full or empty hands

Find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing

Shore to shore we hear them call the truth that cries through every age

“Our God is all in all”! (Refrain)

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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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Scripture Reading

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | Lyrics: Thomas Obediah Chisholm | Music: William Marion Runyan | Public Domain

Ministry Moment

Ten Years...Reflection by Pastors

Wilson Shirley & Brian Russ

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Preaching of the Word

*Dr. Stephen Estock, Coordinator for the
PCA Committee on Discipleship Ministries*

“So Now What Are You Going to Do?”

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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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

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

Communion - We will observe communion next Sunday, May 14th.

10th Anniversary - Today we are celebrating Cornerstone's 10th anniversary! Special guest preacher Stephen Estock will be here. There will be a joint Sunday School for everyone where we'll share stories of God's grace over the past 10 years. The celebration will conclude with a picnic lunch at 12:30pm at Monte Sano State Park.

VBS - "Summer Sequest" is coming up June 5th-8th. Registration is open! Go to cornerstonehuntsville.org/events to register. Questions? Email Paige McClure at paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

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, Kara Beth McClure, Mari Carmen 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).

Praise for the marriage of Garrett Lawrence to Katelyn Robinson on May 6th!

Pray for General Assembly, June 12th-16th, in Memphis, TN.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Lincoln Village Ministry and Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Will Spink).

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand/And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land/Where my possessions lie.*

*All o'er those wide extended plains/Shines one eternal day,
There God the Son forever reigns/And scatters night away.*

*(Chorus) I am bound, I am bound, I am bound
For the promised land! (repeat)*

*No chilling winds, nor pois'nous breath/Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death/Are felt and feared no more.*

*When shall I reach that happy place/And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face/And in His bosom rest? (Chorus)*

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
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