

# Order of Worship

## August 20, 2023

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.* (Romans 7:4 ESV)

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?**

Pastor: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

**ALL: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever! Amen.** (Romans 11:33-36 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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#### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,

And all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine.

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
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### Scripture Reading

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

*For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit*

*are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from*

*doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not*

*under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,*

*impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger,*

*rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like*

*these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will*

*not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,*

*patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against*

*such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have*

*crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us*

*also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one*

*another, envying one another.* (Galatians 5:16-26 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### 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 Kaufman, and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

### Profession of Faith

#### Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death--to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## Pastoral Prayer

*Frank Cohee, Elder*

## Offertory

*“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

## Preaching of the Word

*Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor*

*“The Gospel of God: New Life in the Spirit”*

*Romans 7:1-6*

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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

### *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.*

*Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King,  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind  
I see the cross there—teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee and O let me find!*

*Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove;  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.*

*“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
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## 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 in the collection plate.

**New Members Class** - Continues today in the main building, second floor, during the Sunday School hour. This is an opportunity to learn more about Cornerstone and to pursue membership. Please join us if you are interested.

**Men’s Reformer’s Golf Cup Tournament** - August 25th from 12-4 pm at the RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove. The registration deadline is today! Please register online at [www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news](http://www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news) under “Upcoming Events”.

**Fall 2023 Women’s Studies** - A 10-week morning study of 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John beginning September 5th from 9:15-11:30 am in the FLC and a 6-week evening study of Jonah beginning September 11th and 12th from 7-8 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Women are welcome to join either or both studies. For questions, please contact Heidi Honeywell at [heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org](mailto:heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org) or Debbie Jones at [cwj@knology.net](mailto:cwj@knology.net).

**Youth Group** - Beginning August 23rd, youth group is starting back on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm in the youth room located on the second floor of the main building.

**Bookshelf Ministry** - Be sure to check out this resource ministry located in the lobby of the Family Life Center. There are free books, tracts, and audio teaching CDs for you to take or give to someone.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pray for church members caring for family** - 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, Mari Carmen Wendorf, Abby Reese Wren, Addy McClure, Dawn Chenault, April DeJong, Gary Abernathy, Susie Shelton, Kendall Junen, and Linda Granger.

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

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Melanie Bray (September), Olivia Clemons (January), and Lauren Hudgins (February).

**Praise** God for the birth of Gabriella Anne Colette, born on August 15th to Zach and Ashley!

**Pray** for grade school students, teachers, parents, and college students as the new school year begins.

**Pray** for our transition time during construction.

**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - Southside Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Adam Venable) and North Hills Presbyterian Church, Meridianville, AL (Pastor Adam Tisdale).

**The Lord’s Day  
August 20, 2023**