

Order of Worship August 27, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. (Romans 3:20-22 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

People: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

ALL: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

(Revelation 4:8, 11:5:12, 13 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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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

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not

murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exodus 20:1-17 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
‘Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! (Chorus)

“He Will Hold Me Fast”
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD, therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

People: For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:6-11;16-18 ESV)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*
(Romans 8:1-4 ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

John Bise, Elder

Offertory

“Our Great God”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

The Gospel of God: The Purpose of the Law

Romans 7:7-12

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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

Our Great God

*Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.*

Chorus: *Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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*Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God! (Chorus)*

*Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the Living God who rules them by His word! (Chorus)*

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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.

Fall 2023 Women's Studies - A 10-week morning study of 1, 2, 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 or Debbie Jones at cwj@knology.net.

Foundations - On Wednesday nights for 6 weeks, beginning September 20th from 5:45-7:15 pm in the FLC. This is a great opportunity to come together each week for food, fellowship, and foundations in God's Word! There will be discipleship opportunities for children, students, and adults. For more information, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations.

Ministry Opportunity - Interested in reaching out to our church members who need help with minor home improvements or repairs? If so, contact David Hoover at ddhoover53@gmail.com for more information.

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, Dawn Chenault, 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).

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Third Millennium Ministries and Redeemer Church of the Shoals, Florence, AL.

**The Lord's Day
August 27, 2023**