



Cornerstone
Church PCA

Fifth Sunday in Easter



April 29, 2018



“Behold! I am creating new heavens
and a new earth!”

Isaiah 65:17

A Service of Worship & Covenant Renewal

A GUIDE TO WORSHIP AT CORNERSTONE

To Our Guests:

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. We are glad that you are here, and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to Cornerstone. Our Sunday service usually lasts about 75 minutes, and the following is designed to help you navigate it, whether you have been to church before or this is your first time. The goal of the service is to help each of us to see God's glory in Jesus Christ more clearly and understand more fully how he makes a difference in our lives.

The Sequence of Worship:

The flow of the worship service at Cornerstone follows a Biblical pattern that is very purposeful. It matches the story of God's work in our lives:

Called by God

God invites us to come into His presence, so we enter with joy and praise.

Cleansed by God

When God calls us, He also wants us to admit our need for Him. We confess our sins together and God cleanses us in Christ.

Consecrated by God

To be "consecrated" means to be set apart for a purpose or goal. We are consecrated by God's Word as we then read from the Scriptures and hear a sermon based on the Bible. One way we respond to God's Word is by giving to God's mission in the world through His church.

Communion with God

Having heard God's Word to us, we speak our requests back to God, and we have fellowship with Him in our prayer together. On certain Sundays we also have the Lord's Supper at this time, a meal that expresses God's communion with us.

Commissioned by God

The end of the worship service is God sending us back into the world to be His witnesses with His blessing (benediction).

Childcare:

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. We love to have children participating with the whole church in worship – even if they are a bit squirmy! However, should parents want assistance with their young children, we have **a nursery available** with nursery volunteers. Please do not hesitate to ask! We're ready to serve you and your children in any way we can.

*Note that we also have devices for the hearing impaired, if needed.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE

†**CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 65:17–19**

†**HYMN: “COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN” (#265)**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and everliving God,

You have brought us again to this glad season to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, whom You raised from death to life and crowned Lord of all. Yet we have often clung to our sorrows and lived our lives neglecting this truth. We confess that we have been slow to believe, and we have not joyfully acknowledged His rule over us as we ought. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him our whole lives. Forgive us, O God, and raise us from our sin, that we may be Your faithful people, knowing the joy of Easter triumph and walking in newness of life. Grant us the power of the resurrection to live holy lives, free from sin, and to follow in the mission He gave us; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, Amen.

†**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

†**GLORIA PATRI (#735)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

†**GREETING OF GRACE AND PEACE OF CHRIST**

We're glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor, please sign our guestbook in the foyer so that we can get to know you more.

†**THANKSGIVING SONG: “FOREVER”**

† Congregation stands as they are able

Forever

1. Give thanks to the LORD
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

2. With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever*

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
and by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus 2x

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 96

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day!
- ³ Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come into His courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
*Yes, the world is established; it will never be moved;
He will judge the peoples with equity.*
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice!
- Let the sea roar,
and all that fills it!
- ¹² Let the field exult,
and everything in it!
- Then all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ *before the LORD, for He comes,
for He comes to judge the earth.*
- He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in His faithfulness!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1–9

New Testament: Romans 8:18–25; Revelation 21:1–5, 21:22–22:5

Isaiah 11:1–9

¹There will come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD will rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight will be in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf will dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear will graze;
their young will lie down together;
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child will play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child will put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 8:18–25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed for us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility—not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set

free from its bondage to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope at all. For who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Revelation 21:1–5; 21:22–22:5

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new!” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light the nations will walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²²¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the Tree of Life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything cursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE, “Easter for the Universe”

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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HYMN OF RESPONSE: “THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD” (#111)

†DOXOLOGY (#731)

*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! Amen!*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – GARY BUTLER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!*

†CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in GOD, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose
again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will
come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen!*

†COMMISSIONING SONG: “DAYS OF ELIJAH”

†COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

*Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes*

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Bridge

There is no God like Jehovah (7x)

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School is an in-depth study of Scripture. Brian Mumme leads the discussion, starting at *9:45 am* Sunday mornings. **Children's and Young Adult's Sunday Schools** are offered at this time as well.

Monday night prayer meeting is each Monday at *7:00 pm*. For those unable to attend the meeting in person we have established a conference line with a speaker phone. Contact Gary Butler for details.

There is a **Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, May 20**, at our all-church **Fellowship Lunch** directly after the service. Please plan to attend as you are able.

Ashley Blood is hosting a **Wedding Shower** for Cody & Eseta that everyone is invited to (men and women). It is a Mexican potluck on **Sunday, May 27**, at *4pm* at her home. Ashley has asked that everyone please give her a copy of your wedding photo before the shower. Please let Ashley know you're coming.

For those who are interested in membership at Cornerstone, please see the pastor, Robbie Crouse. **Church membership** is a commitment for the church to nurture and oversee its members, and a commitment for the member to be an active participant in the mission of the church. Membership is encouraged for all regular attenders of Cornerstone.

***Please turn off all cell phones during the service.
Thank you!***

CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES

- Sunday School
 - Adults (Brian Mumme)
 - Young Adults (Jamie Alburger)
 - Children (Catey Alburger)
- Monday Night Prayer Meeting (Gary Butler and Jim Zetler)
- 2nd Sunday Outreach (Brian Mumme and Jamie Alburger)
- All-Church Fellowship Lunch (Becky Crouse & Joycelyn Branscome)
- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tom Joseph)
- Women's Fellowship (Becky Crouse & Joycelyn Branscome)

PRAYER LIST

Virginia Wildrick – for healing and recovery from a stroke

Harold Gooding – for healing and recovery from a blood infection

Harry & Claire Castner – for transition in their move; for Claire’s relief from headaches and worsening dementia

Matt & Carmen O’Reilly – for transition and encouragement at the beginning of their marriage; for a smooth move to FL for Carmen

Betty Butler – for help and wisdom dealing with heart palpitations

Melanie Pitts – for successful treatment of the new brain cancer; encouragement for Melanie and her family

Barry Pitts – encouragement as he takes care of both Melanie and his ailing mother

Leyda Ruiz – recovery from surgery and relief from pain

Shelby Blood – for encouragement and help during a difficult time

Betty Games – for her continued kidney dialysis and that Betty’s condition would improve; for strength for DeVere for his faithful care

Jamie Alburger – for the completion of his doctoral education and guidance in career decisions afterwards

Harry Bromilow – continued healing from heart surgery and headaches

Norma Bromilow – strength in caring for Harry and relief from arthritis

Phil Toren – full recovery from stroke

Christy Branche – relief from chronic headaches; college decision

Ornstein Family – full transition to Virginia; finding a new church home; for Helen and Kevin here



"Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone."

Ephesians 2:20

Exalting the King & Extending His Kingdom

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