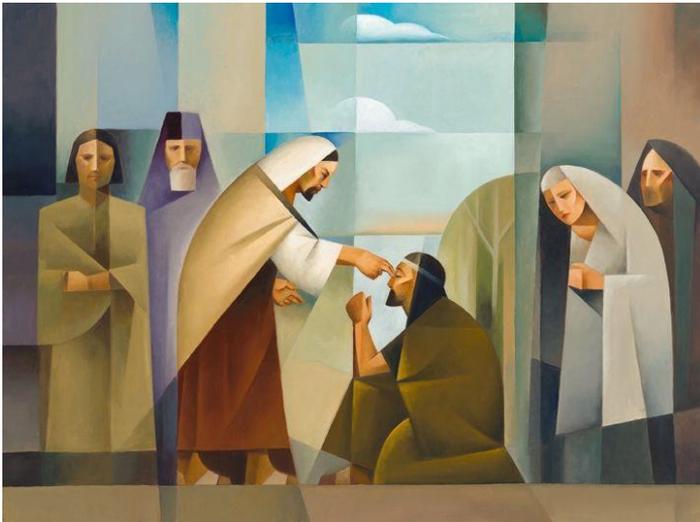


# Cornerstone Church PCA

*The Lord's Day*



*August 12, 2018*



God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit;  
he went about doing good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

*A Service of Covenant Renewal Worship*

# A WELCOME 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

†CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 61

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†ENTRANCE SONG: "ARISE MY SOUL ARISE" (NEXT PAGE)

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Most merciful God,*

*We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.*

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†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!*

†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.

†SONG OF ASCENT: "SIMPLE LIVING" (NEXT PAGE)

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† Congregation stands as they are able

## Arise, My Soul, Arise!

1. Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears.  
The bleeding sacrifice  
on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands, (2X)  
My name is written on His hands!

### **Chorus:**

*Arise! Arise! Arise!  
Arise, my soul, arise!  
Arise! Arise! Arise!  
Arise, my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

2. He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede.  
His all-redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, (2X)  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace!

### **Chorus**

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears  
received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers,  
they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, (2X)  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

### **Chorus**

4. The Father hears Him pray,  
His dear Anointed One.  
He cannot turn away  
the presence of His Son.  
The Spirit answers to the blood, (2X)  
And tells me I am born of God!

### **Chorus**

5. My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh, (2X)  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry!

### **Chorus**

## Simple Living

1. A rich young man came to ask of Christ,  
    “Good teacher will You tell me,  
    What must I do for eternal life?  
    I've kept Your laws completely.”  
    “Sell all you have, give to the poor,  
    Then heaven's treasure shall be yours.”  
How hard for those who are rich on earth  
    To gain the wealth of heaven!

2. Now Jesus sat by the offering gate  
    As people brought their money.  
The rich they filled the collection plate,  
    The widow gave a penny.  
    Now she's out-given all the rest,  
    Her gift was all that she possessed.  
Not what you give but what you keep  
    Is what the King is counting!

3. O teach me, Lord, to walk this road,  
    The road of simple living!  
    To be content with what I own  
    And generous in giving!  
    And when I cling to what I have  
Please wrest it quickly from my grasp!  
    I'd rather lose all the things of earth  
    To gain the things of heaven!

**Repeat Verse 3**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 30

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
*and have not let my foes rejoice over me!*

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
*and you have healed me!*

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol!  
*You restored me to life from those who go down to the pit!*

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
*and give thanks to his holy name!*

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment,  
*but his favor is for a lifetime!*

Weeping may last for the night,  
*but joy comes in the morning!*

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
*"I shall never be moved."*

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
*you made my mountain stand strong!*

You hid your face,  
*and I was dismayed.*

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried,  
*and to the Lord I begged for mercy:*

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death,  
*if I go down to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you?  
*Will it tell of your faithfulness?*

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
*O LORD, be my helper!"*

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
*you have removed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,*

<sup>12</sup> that my soul may sing your praise and not be silent!  
*O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

## **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!*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1–10

New Testament: Mark 1:21–45

#### Isaiah 35:1–10

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus!

<sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing!

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God!

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Take courage; fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
with His reward;

He will come and save you!”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy!

For waters will break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> And a highway shall run through there,  
and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it.

for it shall belong to those who walk on the Way;  
and fools will not wander onto it.

<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing!

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!

### Mark 1:21–45

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!”

<sup>28</sup> And at once news of him spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

<sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and raised her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at his door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

<sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns so that I may preach there also, for that is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out the demons.

<sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him, imploring and kneeling before him, and saying to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

<sup>41</sup> Moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I am willing. Be clean!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning, <sup>44</sup> saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and make the offering for your cleansing that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from everywhere.

**SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE,  
"The Authority of the Christ"**

Ministry of Compassion  
Manifestation of the Kingdom  
Metaphor for Redemption  
Model for Christian Action

**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**&**  
**RESPONSE HYMN: "HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED" (#311)**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FOR CHURCH AND WORLD**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your servants with righteousness;

*Let your people sing with joy!*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*For only in You can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Your saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church,

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve You;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our church leaders and all servants of the gospel,

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of  
the world;

*That there may be justice and harmony on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near.  
*Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning.*

For Christian marriages, we pray,  
*That husbands and wives may be faithful in love and respect.*

For Christian parents, we pray,  
*That they may train their children patiently and diligently in the faith.*

For Christian children, we pray,  
*That they may grow in maturity and in wisdom.*

For Christian singles, we pray,  
*That they may serve You with sincerity in their present station.*

For all Christian people, whatever their vocation, we pray,  
*That they may serve Christ and give him preeminence in all things.*

For our neighbors and all those whom our lives touch, we pray,  
*Give us favor with them and increase our influence for the sake of the gospel.*

Let our hearts be open in generosity and our lives fragrant with the mercies of Christ;  
*And open our homes for hospitality, that we might welcome strangers to You.*

Let our careers flourish and give us satisfaction in our jobs,  
*That our needs would be met, and we would be content with what we have.*

Bless the work of our hands and multiply the fruit of our labor,  
*That we might serve our communities and share with those  
in need.*

Help us to manage the time and resources You have given us, with  
wisdom and loyalty;  
*Give us rest in our toil, and refresh us for godly striving and  
perseverance.*

Heavenly Father, in your Word You have given us a vision of that  
Holy City to which the nations of the world bring their offerings:  
*Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew  
the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send  
us honest and able leaders. Enable us to fight poverty,  
prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with  
righteousness and justice with order.*

Loving Redeemer, we pray for all those who need You now,  
remembering especially [...]

Lord, we bring to You all these praises, our thanksgiving, and  
petitions and many more unspoken, trusting in your goodness and  
faithfulness in all times. And we offer to You all these prayers, in  
and through your Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
praying as he taught us to pray . . .

### **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 HYMN: “CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING” (#447)**

## †**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

## 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Outreach** is today, August 12. Please see Jamie Alburger for visiting Heartland retirement home to encourage the residents there.

**Sunday, August 19**, we will have Sand Harbor PCA Church (Jupiter) with us in worship and joining us in our **Fellowship Lunch** after the service. Please bring a main dish to share in the potluck. We will also need nursery volunteers during the service.

If you have a prayer request or praise to share, please let Pastor Robbie or the elders know. We'd be glad to invite the congregation to pray for you; we'll also hear any confidential prayer requests you might have.

*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)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Outreach (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

**Jamie & Catey Alburger** – for a smooth move to Connecticut; for encouragement in this transition

**Virginia Wildrick's Family** – for comfort for David, Melanie, and family after Virginia's death

**Harry Castner & Family** – for comfort and strength after Claire's death; for Harry's own health; for wisdom and guidance for Vanessa

**Harold Gooding** – for health; for encouragement for his grandson, Shane

**Linda Jackson** – for her ailing father and her care for him

**Debbie Jackson** – for her ailing grandmother and her care for her

**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 and Barry as he cares for her

**Jayme Sellards** – for care for his father's health; for transition in his new job; for encouragement as he helps lead us in songful worship

**Brian Mumme** – for care for his mother; for her to believe in Christ

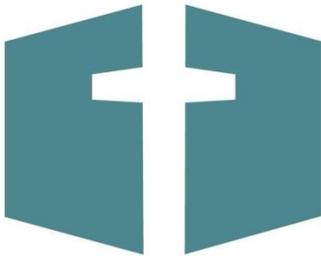
**DeVere & Betty Games** – for Betty's continued kidney dialysis and that her condition would improve; strength for DeVere for his care

**Harry & Norma Bromilow** – Harry's continued recovery from heart surgery and headaches; for relief for Norma from arthritis

**Matt & Carmen O'Reilly** – for a smooth transition to FL for Carmen and settling in here

**Cody & Eseta Drinkwine** – for encouragement at the beginning of their marriage and settling in their new home; for Cody's work and for resolution in difficulties at work for Eseta

**Christy Branche** – relief from chronic headaches; preparation for college



# Cornerstone Church PCA

“Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.”  
Ephesians 2:20

## Exalting the King & Extending His Kingdom

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Barry Pitts

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