

# Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



October 7, 2018



Then he taught them many things by parables,  
and in his teaching said, "A farmer went out to  
sow some seed . . ."

Mark 4:2-3

*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. 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**

Pastor: “The Lord be with you!”  
Congregation: “*And also with you!*”

### **†CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 55:9–13**

### **†ENTRANCE SONG: “AWESOME IS THE LORD MOST HIGH”**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,  
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws and sinned against Your divine majesty. Apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and thoughtful life, to the glory of Your holy 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: “SPEAK, O LORD” (NEXT PAGE)**

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† Congregation stands as they are able

# Awesome Is The Lord Most High

1. Great are You Lord mighty in strength  
You are faithful and You will ever be  
We will praise You all of our days  
It's for Your glory we offer everything

## **Chorus 1**

Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high

2. Where You send us God we will go  
You're the answer we want the world to know  
We will trust You when You call our name  
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

## **Chorus 2**

Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
We will praise You together for now and forever  
How awesome is the Lord most high

## **Bridge**

Hallelujah hallelujah  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
How awesome is the Lord most high

## **Repeat Chorus 2**

# Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

†RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 80

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
*you who lead Joseph like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
*shine forth!*

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
*stir up your might and come to save us!*

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
*let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
*how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears  
*and given them tears to drink in full measure!*

<sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
*and our enemies mock us!*

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
*let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
*you drove out the nations and planted it!*

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
*it took deep root and filled the land.*

<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade,  
*the mighty cedars with its branches.*

<sup>11</sup> It sent out its branches to the Sea  
*and its shoots to the River.*

<sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls,  
*so that all who pass by pluck its fruit?*

<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it,  
*and all that move in the field feed on it!*

<sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts!  
*Look down from heaven, and see!*

- <sup>15</sup> Have regard for this vine,  
*the shoot that your right hand planted,  
and for the branch whom you made strong for yourself.*
- <sup>16</sup> They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
*may they perish at the rebuke of your face!*
- <sup>17</sup> But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
*the son of man whom you have raised up for yourself!*
- <sup>18</sup> Then we shall not turn away from you;  
*give us life, and we will call upon your name!*
- <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
*Let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

†**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: Jeremiah 31:27–28

New Testament: Mark 4:1–20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6–16

**Jeremiah 31:27–28**

<sup>27</sup> “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. <sup>28</sup> And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the LORD.

## **1 Corinthians 2:6–16**

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to an end. <sup>7</sup>But we speak of God’s wisdom in a mystery, hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“No eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

## **Mark 4:1–20**

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced fruit, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is done in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that

‘they may indeed see, but not perceive,  
and may indeed hear, but not understand,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven.’”

<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown in the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

**SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE, “Not All Who Hear, Hear:  
Letting the Implanted Word Take Root in Our Lives”**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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### RESPONSE HYMN: "LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD"



1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word;  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth,



Curb those who by de - ceit or sword  
For You are Lord of lords a - lone;  
Send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;



Would wrest the king - dom from Your Son  
De - fend Your ho - ly Church that we  
Sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



And bring to naught all He has done!  
May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly!  
And lead us out of death to life!

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

O Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life and light; Comforter, Sanctifier, and Guide of the souls of men:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

Spirit of wisdom, infinite, immortal, and unsearchable, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have compassion on our ignorance and lead us by Your kindly light onward into truth:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

Spirit of love and perfect service, given beyond measure unto Jesus Christ our risen Savior, manifest in His sinless life, His divine teaching, and His redeeming death, glorified in His resurrection, sent in His ascension, we open our hearts to receive Your grace:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

You whom the Father is more ready to give than our earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children, You whom Christ has promised to send to His disciples, come to us, abide in us, and sanctify our souls by truth and love:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

By the inspiration You have given to the holy prophets in all ages, by the guidance You have granted to those in doubt and trouble, by the courage You have restored to the fearful and the strength You have imparted to the weak, by the comfort You have bestowed on the sorrowful, and by the hope You have kindled in despairing hearts, have mercy on us and supply all our needs:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

From pride and stubbornness, from self-will and bitterness, from shallow thoughts and hasty judgments, from impure desires and unkind purposes, from envy, from anger, and from all uncharitableness, from every wicked way and every evil wish, deliver and save us by Your indwelling grace:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

In the growth of wisdom and the increase of sacrificial love; in loyalty to the truth as You give us to see the truth, and in deepening devotion toward our fellow men; in honesty and honor, in cheerful labor and true gladness of heart, make Your presence to be fruitful in us and enable us to grow into the likeness of Christ our Lord:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

By the promise of the Almighty to pour His Spirit upon all flesh, we beseech You that You would visit our nation with divine favor. Uphold, defend, and guide the civil government and all in authority; unite our lives in shared goodwill and in common submission to the Lord Christ. Promote among all nations that justice and virtue that comes only from above; cause wars to cease and violence to vanish; grant us all a place in that kingdom which is righteousness and peace and joy in You, Holy Spirit:

*Hear us and help us, O Holy Spirit, we pray.*

Spirit of Life, direct this congregation of God into fulfillment of its divine mission to make disciples of all men and mature the faithful into the full stature of manhood. Be with those in its midst who need you now, especially [ . . . ].

Support us, Spirit of the Living God; encourage our hearts and furnish every saint with the joyful hope of eternal life.

*O You who are one with the Father and the Son, hear us and help us, and dwell in us forever!*

Spirit of Jesus Christ, teach us to pray as our Savior himself taught us, saying ...

### **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:**

**"MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR"**



1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior,  
2. *May the Word of God dwell rich - ly*  
3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther,  
4. *May the love of Je - sus fill me*  
5. May I run the race be - fore me,  
6. *May His beau - ty rest up - on me*



live in me from day to day,  
*in my heart from hour to hour,*  
rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,  
*as the wa - ters fill the sea.*  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
*as I seek the lost to win,*



by His love and pow'r con - trol - ing  
*so that all may see I tri - umph*  
that I may be calm to com - fort  
*Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing:*  
look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus  
*and may they for - get the chan - nel,*



all I do and say!  
*on ly through His pow'r!*  
sick and sor row - ing!  
*this is vic tor - y!*  
as I on ward go!  
*see - ing on - ly Him!*

† **COMMISSION & BLESSING**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School** begins at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings and finishes at 10:30 am. Brian Mumme leads the adult discussion in the study of Philippians. **Children** and **Young Adult Sunday Schools** are available 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 there is a conference line with a speaker phone. Contact Gary Butler for details.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Outreach** is next week, *October 14*. Please see Barry Pitts for visiting Heartland retirement home to encourage the residents there.

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 shepherd its members, and a commitment for the member to be an active participant in the mission of the church.

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

## CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Adults (Brian Mumme)

Young Adults

Children

Monday Night Prayer Meeting (Gary Butler)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Outreach (Barry Pitts)

All-Church Fellowship Lunch (Joycelyn Branscome)

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tom Joseph)

Women's Ministry (Joycelyn Branscome)

## PRAYER LIST

**Becky Crouse** – for a healthy pregnancy and health of the baby; for relief from nausea and sickness; for the family as they care for her

**Tom Joseph** – for healing and recovery from a broken fibula

**Aaron Blood** – for recovery from a broken collar bone and other injuries

**Branche Family** – for success in their opening a new store in Jupiter

**Jamie & Catey Alburger** – finding a new church home in Connecticut

**Harry Castner & Family** – for Harry's health and encouragement through difficult times

**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 Barry as he cares for her

**Jayme Sellards** – for care for his father's health; transition at new job

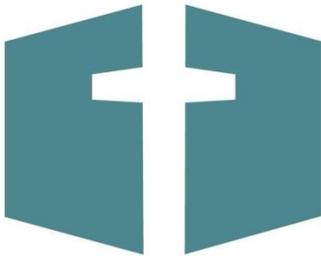
**Brian Mumme** – for care for his mother; for her to believe in Christ

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

**Matt & Carmen O'Reilly** – for a smooth transition to FL for Carmen

**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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Rev. Gary Butler  
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Tom Joseph (chairman)  
Brian Mumme  
Barry Pitts

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