

Cornerstone Church PCA

Third Lord's Day in Lent



March 24, 2019



And we bring you the good news:
that what God promised to our forefathers
He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.

Acts 13:32-33

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 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.

Please sign our guestbook in foyer so we can get to know you more!

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 by His forgiveness.

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 now speak our requests back to God and have fellowship with Him in our prayer together. We also have the Lord's Supper at this time, a meal that seals 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

†ENTRANCE SONG:
“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME” (#103)

CONFESSION OF SIN

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted in the wilderness, we come before You acknowledging our own temptations: the enticements of the world, the desires of the flesh, and the pride of life. We have surrendered to our temptations and fallen into sin; we have erred by our own fault, and we have grieved Your Spirit. Rend our hearts, Lord, and cause us to return to You. Remember our frame—that we are dust—and help us in our weakness. As Your Son went not up to joy without first suffering pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of His cross, may find it to be the way of life and peace. As Christ has overcome sin and Satan, give us power to live in His obedience, that we too might be raised to new life. 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

†SONG OF ASCENT: “ROCK OF AGES”

† Congregation stands as they are able

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (#103)

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you;
all on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you!
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign!
2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
3. Lo! the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on!
4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we sing this mystery!

Rock of Ages (#499)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r!

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and Thou alone!

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling!
Naked come to Thee for dress,
helpless look to Thee for grace;
foul, I, to the Fountain fly:
wash me Savior or I die!

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

"They drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them,
and that Rock was Christ." (1 Cor. 10:4)

†RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 72

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² He shall judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³ The mountains shall bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills shall bring forth righteousness!
- ⁴ He will defend the cause of the poor among his people;
he will rescue the poor and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon,
from one generation to another!
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷ In his days the righteous will flourish,
and peace will abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸ He shall have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ His foes shall bow down before him,
and his enemies shall lick his dust!
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Seba shall offer gifts!
- ¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations shall serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the poor when he calls,
the oppressed and him who has no helper!
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the lowly,
and he saves the lives of the needy!
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight!
- ¹⁵ Long may he live!
May the gold of Sheba be given to him!

May prayer be made for him continually,
and may they bless him all the day long!

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;

May its fruit flourish like Lebanon,
and may the people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!

¹⁷ May his name remain forever,
his fame endure as long as the sun!

May the peoples be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things!

¹⁹ Blessed be His glorious name forever and ever;
may all the earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

†**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: 2 Samuel 7:1–19

New Testament: Acts 13:16–39

2 Samuel 7:1–19

¹ Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent!” ³ And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you!”

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’ ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the

people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”

⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O LORD GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? ¹⁹ And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O LORD GOD! You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is a charter for mankind, O LORD GOD!”

Acts 13:16–39

¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you God-fearers, listen! ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land

as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, just as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie!'

²⁶ "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation! ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the oracles of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you!'

³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'

³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One see corruption.'

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is justified from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

SERMON – WES LAUVER
“The Son of David”

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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SONG OF RESPONSE: “HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED!” (#311)

1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity!
2. He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight!
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow!
4. O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever — that name to us is Love!

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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!*

THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Communion is for baptized believers who are in good standing with their church (not under any church discipline) and are seeking to obey their Lord.

The bread is gluten-free. Grape juice is in the *outer* ring,
and wine is in the *inner* rings. Please wait to eat and drink together.*

COMMUNION SONGS (NEXT PAGE)

THE BREAD: "How Great Thou Art" (verses 1–2)

THE CUP: "How Great Thou Art" (verses 3–4)

How Great Thou Art (#44)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [*Chorus*]

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; [*Chorus*]

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [*Chorus*]

Pastor: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!" (1 Cor. 11:26)

Congregation: "Amen! Come Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616)

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

Chorus:

*Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms!
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms!*

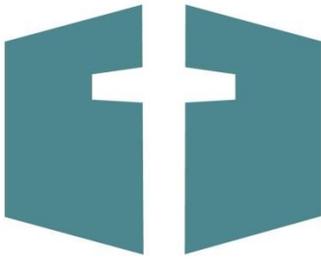
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

Chorus

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

Chorus

“The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms!”
(Deut. 33:27)



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“Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:20

Exalting the King & Extending His Kingdom

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