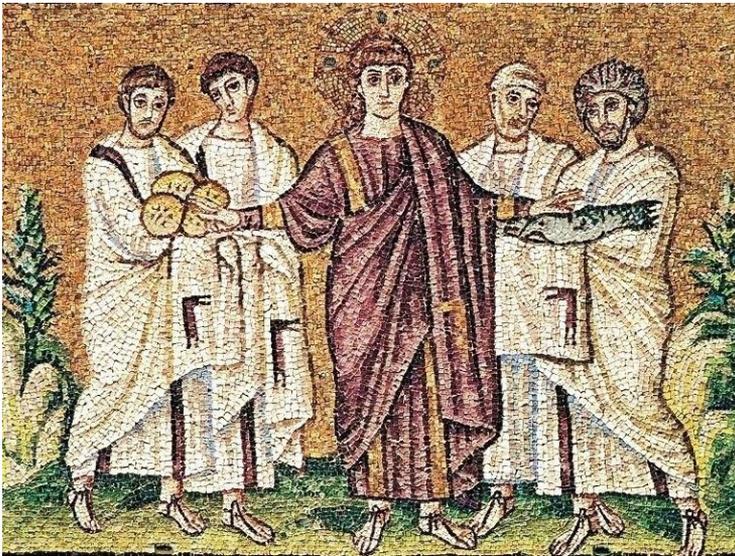


Cornerstone Church PCA

Fourth Lord's Day in Lent



March 31, 2019



And taking five loaves and two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed it and broke the bread and gave it to the disciples to set before the people.

Mark 6:41

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:

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING” (#115)

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: “BE THOU MY VISION” (#642)

All Creatures of Our God & King (#115)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening, find a voice,
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

4. And all you men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care,
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

5. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One.
*O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Be Thou My Vision (#642)

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light!

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one!

3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight!
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r;
raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r!

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art!

5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.”

†RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 78:12–29

- ¹² In the sight of their fathers God performed wonders
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan!
- ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a wall!
- ¹⁴ In the daytime He led them with a cloud,
and all the night with a fiery light!
- ¹⁵ He split rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep!
- ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down like rivers!
- ¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more against Him,
rebellng against the Most High in the desert.
- ¹⁸ They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
- ¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”
- ²⁰ Behold, He struck the rock so that water gushed out
and streams overflowed,
- but can He also give bread
or provide food for His people?”
- ²¹ When the LORD heard them, He was full of wrath;
a fire was kindled against Jacob;
His anger rose against Israel,
- ²² because they did not believe in God
and did not trust His saving power.
- ²³ Yet He commanded the firmament above
and opened the doors of heaven,
- ²⁴ and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven!
- ²⁵ Man ate of the bread of angels;
He sent them food in abundance!

²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and by His power he led out the south wind;

²⁷ He rained meat on them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas!

²⁸ He let them fall in the midst of their camp,
all around their dwellings!

²⁹ And they ate and were well filled,
for He gave them what they desired!

†**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 43:16–21

New Testament: Mark 6:30–52

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way through the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ “Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old!
¹⁹ For, behold, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise!

Mark 6:30–52

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³But many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five loaves and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in ranks on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

⁴⁵And immediately he compelled his disciples to get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountaintop to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out in the midst of the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And having seen that they were straining painfully in their rowing because the wind was against them, he came to them about the fourth watch of the night, walking on the sea. He meant to pass them by, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Be of good cheer! It is I! Do not be afraid!” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind stilled. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they had not understood about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE
God on the Waters and in the Wilderness:
Lessons for Weary & Discouraged Disciples

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
SONG OF RESPONSE: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" (#94)

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand!"

3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress!"

4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine!"

5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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: "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 1–2)

THE CUP: "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 3–4)

Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care!
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours!

2. We are Yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way!
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray!

3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be!
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You!

4. Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will!
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still!

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)

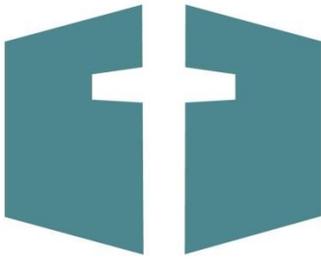
Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

1. Ten thousand times ten thousand
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in!

2. What rush of 'alleluias'
Fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O Day for which creation
And all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
A thousand-fold repaid!

3. O then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendships up
Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
That brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate!

4. Bring near Thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,
Then take Thy power, and reign!
Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heavens Thy promised sign;
Thou Prince and Savior, come!



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“Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:20

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