



Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



August 4, 2019



I will give in My house and within My walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters!

Isaiah 56:5

A Service of Covenant Renewal Worship

WELCOME TO CORNERSTONE CHURCH!

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. 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 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 do have **a nursery available**. Please do not hesitate to ask someone, and we will grab volunteers to staff the nursery. We are 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: "The Lord be with you!"

Church: "*And also with you!*"

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†PRAYER OF PRAISE & INVOCATION

†ENTRANCE SONG: "O WORSHIP THE KING!" (#2)

CONFESSION OF SIN

GRACIOUS GOD, who is too pure to look on evil and too holy to tolerate wrongdoing, we come before You acknowledging our impurity and uncleanness. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a conviction of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; grant to us a future in which we will be changed; and give us grace to leave our sin and grow more and more in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray, 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: "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

† Congregation stands as they are able

O Worship the King (#2)

1. O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love!
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise!

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm!

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea!

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain!

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find you to fail!
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise!

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#521)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name!

Chorus

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand!
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil! [**Chorus**]

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay! [**Chorus**]

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! [**Chorus**]

“Whoever hears these words of mine and puts them into practice
is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

†RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 68:1–10

¹ May God arise and His enemies be scattered,
and may His foes flee before Him!

² As smoke is driven away,
so drive them away;

as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!

³ But let the righteous be glad;
let them rejoice before God;
let them celebrate with joy!

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!

His name is the LORD;
rejoice before Him!

⁵ The Father of the fatherless and the Defender of widows
is God in His holy dwelling place!

⁶ God settles the solitary in a family;
He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a scorched land!

⁷ When You, O God, went out before Your people,
when You marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth shook, heaven poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel!

⁹ You, O God, showered down abundant rain;
You refreshed Your weary inheritance!

¹⁰ Your people settled the land,
and from Your bounty, O God, You provided for the needy!

†**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!*

Isaiah 54:1–5; 56:3–5

54¹ “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;
break forth into singing and shout for joy,
you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one
will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD!

² “Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your dwelling be stretched out!

Do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes!

³ For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities!

⁴ Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;

for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more!

⁵ For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of Hosts is His name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth He is called!”

56³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from His people!”

and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree!”

⁴ For thus says the LORD: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast to my covenant,

⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls
a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters!

I will give them an everlasting name
that shall never be cut off!”

Matthew 19:3–12

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸ He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry!” ¹¹ But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

1 Corinthians 7:1–9, 25–35

¹ Now, concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to touch a woman.” ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this: ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am! But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

²⁵ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

SERMON – ROBBIE CROUSE

Gifts and Vocations of Marriage & Singleness:

How Marriage and Singleness Both Teach Us About the King & His Kingdom

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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SONG OF RESPONSE: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" (#585)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee!
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise! (2x)

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love!
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee! (2x)

3. Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King!
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee! (2x)

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold!
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose! (2x)

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine!
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne! (2x)

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store!
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee! (2x)

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: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy" (verses 1–2)

THE CUP: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy" (verses 3–4)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy!

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow'r!

Chorus

*I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms!*

2. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the Fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all! [**Chorus**]

3. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh! [**Chorus**]

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him! [**Chorus**]

Pastor: "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!"

Church: "Amen! Come Lord Jesus!"

Though Troubles Assail Us (#95)

(same tune as "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

1. Though troubles assail us, and dangers affright,
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
this promise assures us, "The Lord Will Provide!"

2. The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread!
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
so long as 'tis written, "The Lord Will Provide!"

3. When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith!
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord Will Provide!"

4. No strength of our own, and no goodness we claim;
yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
in this our strong tower for safety we hide:
the Lord is our power, "The Lord Will Provide!"

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide.
And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided!"