



Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



August 18, 2019



The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining!

1 John 2:8

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: "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD" (NEXT PAGE)

CONFESSION OF SIN

MOST MERCIFUL GOD,

We confess that 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 these sins, and for our sinfulness, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; 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

†SONG OF ASCENT: "THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD"

† Congregation stands as they are able

This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres!

This is my Father's world!

I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought!

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise!

This is my Father's world!

He shines in all that's fair;
the mountain streams, the sun's bright beams,
His glory shines everywhere!

3. This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet!

This is my Father's world!

The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one!

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (#253)

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains; (3x)
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains!

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in His day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away; (3x)
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away!

3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die; (3x)
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die!

4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave; (3x)
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave!

5. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed Church of God
be saved, to sin no more; (3x)
till all the ransomed Church of God
be saved to sin no more!

†**RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 90**

¹ Lord, You have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations!

² Before the mountains were brought forth
and before You formed the land and world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God!

³ You return man to the dust
and say, "Return, O children of Adam!"

⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day gone by,
or like a watch in the night!

⁵ You sweep them away like a flood, as sleep,
like grass which sprouts anew each morning:

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and grows;
in the evening it fades and withers!

⁷ For we are brought to an end by Your anger;
by Your wrath we are dismayed!

⁸ You have put our iniquities before You,
our secret sins in the light of Your presence!

⁹ For all our days pass away under Your wrath;
we finish our years like a sigh!

¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or by reason of strength, perhaps eighty;

yet even the best of them are toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

- ¹¹ Who considers the power of Your anger,
and who rightly fears Your wrath?
- ¹² Therefore teach us to number our days
so that we may gain a heart of wisdom for You!
- ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on Your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil!
- ¹⁶ Let Your work be revealed to Your servants,
and Your glorious power to their children!
- ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands for us!
Yes, establish the work of our hands!

†**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: Ecclesiastes 2:1–17

New Testament: 1 John 2:7–11; Matthew 6:19–21, 25–33

Ecclesiastes 2:1–17

¹ I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself!” But behold, this also was vapor. ² I said of laughter, “It is madness,” and of pleasure, “What profit is it?” ³ I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold of folly, until I might see what good there is for the children of Adam to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵ I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶ I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female servants, and had servants who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vapor and striving after the wind, and there was nothing profited under the sun.

¹² So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what is there for the man who comes after the king except what has already been done? ¹³ And I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. ¹⁴ The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same fate befalls them both. ¹⁵ Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. So what advantage is there in wisdom?” Then I said in my heart, “this also is vapor.” ¹⁶ For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. Indeed, the wise must die just as the fool! ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, because all is vapor and a striving after the wind.

Matthew 6:19–21, 25–33

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these! ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

1 John 2:7–11

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**SERMON – WES LAUVER,
“The Meaning of Life”**

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
SONG OF RESPONSE: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" (#32)

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be!

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love! [**Chorus**]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [**Chorus**]

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!

†CONFESSON 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: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verses 1–2)

THE CUP: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verses 3–4)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne!
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for Thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

2. Crown Him the Lord of Love! Behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified!

No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright!

3. Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!

4. Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, enthroned in worlds above!
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love!

Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all!

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!*"

At the Name of Jesus (#163)

1. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now!
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word!

2. At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array!

3. Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death He passed!

4. In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour:
let His will enfold you in its light and pow'r!

5. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with His Father's glory, with His angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now!