



Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



September 22, 2019



What you meant for evil against me
God meant it for good.

Genesis 50:20

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: PSALM 34:1-3

†PRAYER OF PRAISE & INVOCATION

†ENTRANCE SONG: "ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE!" (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:

"HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD" (NEXT PAGE)

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

1. Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears!
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears!
Before the throne my surety stands, (2X)
My name is written on His hands!

Chorus

Arise! Arise! Arise!
Arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! Arise! Arise!
Arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead!
His blood atoned for every race, (2X)
And sprinkles now the throne of grace! [**Chorus**]
3. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, (2X)
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!" [**Chorus**]
4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One.
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son!
The Spirit answers to the blood, (2X)
And tells me I am born of God! [**Chorus**]
5. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh, (2X)
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry! [**Chorus**]

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul!
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole!
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me!

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do:
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace!
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do!

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your Church to hunger for Your ways!
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see!

†**RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 76**

- ¹ God is known In Judah;
His name is great in Israel!
- ² His tabernacle is in Jerusalem,
His dwelling place is in Zion!
- ³ There He broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war!
- ⁴ Glorious are You,
more majestic than the mountains full of prey!
- ⁵ The stouthearted were plundered of their spoil;
they sank into sleep;
none of the warriors could lift a hand!
- ⁶ At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both horse and rider lie still!
- ⁷ But You, You are to be feared!
Who can stand before You when Your anger is roused?
- ⁸ From the heavens You pronounced judgment;
the earth feared and was quiet,
- ⁹ when God arose to judge,
to save all the humble of the earth!
- ¹⁰ Even the wrath of man shall praise You;
You will clothe Yourself with their remaining wrath!
- ¹¹ Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them;
let all who around Him bring gifts
to Him who is to be feared!
- ¹² He humbles the spirit of princes;
He is to be feared by the kings of the earth!

†**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: Genesis 50:15–21

New Testament: Luke 7:17–23; Philipians 1:12–18

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him!" ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, what you meant for evil against me God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Luke 7:17–23

¹⁷ And the report about Jesus spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country. ¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"

²¹ In that hour he healed many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Philippians 1:12–18

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers have become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, but supposing that they can stir up trouble for me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

SERMON – WES LAUVER
The Right Perspective:
Viewing Our Circumstances in Light of the Gospel

**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
SONG OF RESPONSE: "BE THOU MY VISION"**

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!

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!

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!

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!

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!

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: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (verses 1–3)

THE CUP: "I Need Thee Every Hour" (verses 4–5)

I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine
can peace afford!

Chorus

*I need Thee, O I need Thee,
ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee!*

2. I need Thee ev'ry hour;
stay Thou near by;
temptations lose their pow'r
when Thou art nigh! [**Chorus**]

3. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide,
or life is vain! [**Chorus**]

4. I need Thee ev'ry hour;
teach me Thy will,
and Thy rich promises
in me fulfil! [**Chorus**]

5. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son! [**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!"

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!

"At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

Philippians 2:10