

The Order for the Worship of God

April 25, 2021
11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode.)

The Prelude Deborah Davis

Call to Worship: (from Psalms 91 and 92)

PASTOR: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” When he calls to me, I will answer him. And I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. The righteous ... still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
ALL: to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation*

*A Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty God, by your Word you created all things out of nothing. By your Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, you have redeemed us and are dispelling the lingering darkness of sin from our souls. Like the Psalmist, grant that we may love your law, your written Word and the Living Word who is revealed in the scriptures. We pray in the name of him who is the Light of the world. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Pastor: Christians, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated 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.

*Songbook 22 *Isaiah 43*

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Mark 4:35-41

Sermon on Mark #16 *Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman*

After reading the following prayer silently confess your sins to God.

Almighty God, loving Father, forgive us for our lack of faith. Often you call us to face frightening, lonely, or unstable times. In response to such trials, we have certainly not counted them as joy. In times of suffering, we have looked for wisdom from this world, comforting ourselves with man-made schemes to mitigate the pain or escape into self-destructive pain-numbing behaviors. Our vision for what you are doing in our lives when we are called to suffer is beclouded by fear and anger, and we have settled for our own fabricated, limited, self-centered vision as the final arbiter of truth. Holy Spirit, when we pass through troubled waters, or walk through fire, grow our faith in Jesus who has promised never to leave nor to forsake us. Remind us that you have called us by name, we are yours because Jesus has died for our sin, risen for our justification, ascended and coming again to take us home to be with you forever. Amen.

*Hymn 619 *A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

*Benediction

Postlude

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at anytime.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that all worshippers **please sign the friendship register.**

CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL: 9:15 a.m. in choir room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Rev Tom Osterhaus is teaching through the New Testament in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 a.m. in room #3.

PRAYER TIME: 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. An elder will be in the library to pray with and for church members.

DR. SILMAN’S SERMONS are aired one week later at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) at the same time each Sunday. The sermons will be emailed on Saturday as well as being available on the church website.

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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?

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.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love.
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be born.

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.

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

Refrain

For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
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I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned, and the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. (Refrain)

A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

The Lord's our rock, in him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm,
Secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain

Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land.
Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

The raging storms may round us beat, a shelter in the time of storm.
We'll never leave our safe retreat, a shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

O Rock divine, I Refuge dear, a shelter in the time of storm.
Be thou our helper ever near, a shelter in the time of story. (Refrain)

*...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20*



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OUR VISION

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a vibrant and unified community of Christians and their covenant children whose sole desire is to glorify God in everything. Because God's grace has won our affections we are wholeheartedly committed to the following: the absolute authority of the Bible because it is the very Word of God; enthusiastic and biblical worship; deeds of mercy and sacrificial service; earnest prayer; deepening relationships with one another; and joyful, intentional proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ to all the world beginning in Brevard. We warmly welcome as members all who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and fully share our vision.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is to glorify the triune God by exalting Him and by edifying and equipping our members to share the gospel with everyone in both word and deed beginning in Brevard and to the ends of the earth.