

The Order for the Worship of God

May 2, 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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Kurt Bestor
Norm Malenke, cello; Deborah Davis, piano

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 19)

PASTOR: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.... Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the end of the world.... The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

ALL: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*Hymn 97 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

*A Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, we bow before you on this glad day of rest and worship. We lift up our hearts and voices in exuberant praise. Lord Jesus, you are worthy to receive all glory, honor, power and dominion, for by you and for you all things were created. Holy Spirit, help us to worship as we ought: with the eyes of faith firmly fixed on Jesus, and our minds and hearts focused on him who has power over all he has created including the devil. We are eternally grateful for all he has done for us and that he has had mercy on us. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism (The Sacraments)

Pastor: It is by faith alone that we share in Christ and all his blessings; where then does that faith come from?

All: The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.

Pastor: What are sacraments?

All: Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise. And this is God’s gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ’s one sacrifice finished on the cross.

Pastor: Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

All: Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments he assures us that

our entire salvation rests on Christ’s one sacrifice for us on the cross.

*Hymn 111 *This Is My Father’s World*

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Mark 5:1-20

Sermon on Mark #17 *Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman*

After reading the following prayer (adapted from The Valley of Vision) silently confess your sins to God.

Almighty God, Fountain of all good, destroy in me every lofty thought. Break pride to pieces and scatter it to the winds. Annihilate each clinging shred of self-righteousness. Implant in me true lowliness of spirit. Break me, then bind me up. Thus will my heart be a prepared dwelling for my God: Then can the Father take up his abode in me. Then can the blessed Jesus come with healing in his touch. Then can the Holy Spirit descend in sanctifying grace. O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God, inhabit me, a temple consecrated to your glory. When you are present, evil cannot abide. In your fellowship is fullness of joy. Beneath your smile is peace of conscience. By your side no fears disturb, no apprehensions banish rest of mind. Let the angels sing for sinners repenting, prodigals restored, backsliders reclaimed, Satan’s captives released, blind eyes opened, broken hearts bound up, the despondent cheered, the self-righteous stripped, and saints built up in their holy faith. I ask great things of a great God. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper

*Hymn 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Benediction

Postlude

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

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.

TODAY’S SCHEDULE: CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL: 9:15 a.m. in choir room. **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.** Rev Cameron Anderson is teaching this morning 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.

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer, to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

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.

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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name; from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him: his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also, the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

*...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.