

The Order for the Worship of God

May 23, 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 *Sacred Heart Medley* (arr. Brandt Adams) Norm Malenke, cello and Deborah Davis, piano

Call to Worship: (from Psalms 48 and 87)

PASTOR: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress. Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

ALL: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad! ... tell the next generation that this is God, our God, forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

*Hymn 345 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*A Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison – from Psalm 86, a prayer of David)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, listen to my plea for grace. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism (Q and A #1)

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Ruling Elder Allen Monroe

Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon on Mark #20

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read and reflect upon the following prayer (from Psalm 51) and then spend a few moments in prayer.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.... Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Songbook 11 *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

*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. **We warmly welcome Ridge Haven summer staff today!**

TODAY’S SCHEDULE: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Rev Tom Osterhaus is teaching today from the New Testament Epistle of 1 Thessalonians in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 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.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH AFTER-CHURCH LUNCHESES (see sheets on communion table).

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.

PHIL FIOL WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK AND WILL ALSO PREACH. We welcome Phil and Amina Fiol and their three daughters Ashlyn, Anna, and Amelia next Sunday. Phil will report on his work in South Asia during Sunday School, and deliver the sermon during the worship service. After church we will enjoy our first luncheon of the summer. Please sign up to help Rebecca Hagedorn and also let her know you plan to stay for lunch. We will be bidding “Godspeed” to our beloved pianist and choir director, Deborah Davis.

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word can not be broken formed thee for his own abode: on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name; fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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 wilt be.

Refrain: 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!

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. (Refrain)

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! (Refrain)

COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak, and wounded sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you full of pity love and power.

Let not conscience make you linger nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

Lo th'incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of His blood; venture on Him venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

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.

*...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.