

The Order for the Worship of God

September 19, 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. Thank you!**)

Prelude Judy Bailey and Jillionna Plemmons

Call to Worship from Psalm 113

PASTOR: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

ALL: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

*Hymn #55 *To God Be the Glory* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the LORD; for you created all things from nothing, and in you all things hold together. We humble ourselves before you and praise your name, even as our hearts cry out for your name to be praised by all peoples from the rising of the sun to its setting. You alone are sovereign over all things – angels in heaven and all who dwell on the earth below – and you alone are worthy of honor and glory. Amen.

*Songbook #1 *Across the Lands* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Ruling Elder John Rowe

Scripture Lesson Revelation 5:1-14

Sermon *God’s Sovereignty is the Fuel for Missions* Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer after which confess personal sins to God.

Almighty Lord, we find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us to enjoy, but we so seldom delight in you, the sovereign God. When you give us what we want, we enjoy you, but we become anxious, fretful, and angry when life is hard, and you seem reluctant or unwilling to rescue us from the uncomfortable or painful circumstances. We are haunted by guilty fears because of our sins, and forget the nail-pierced hands of Jesus, that plead forgiveness for us

every moment of every day. We thank you for your radiant and beautiful Son, who delighted in you above all else and perfectly committed all his ways to your sovereign will. We praise you that his flawless obedience is ours through faith, and we are forever reconciled to you as your beloved children. Cause us to find overwhelming delight in the salvation you have given us through Christ. Stir our hearts to share with peoples of every nation the grace and mercy that you offer to everyone who repents and trusts in Jesus. Grant to us a renewed sense of your sovereignty over all things: creation, providence and redemption., coupled with an irrepressible urgency to participate in your global plan of evangelism and discipleship. May we melt at the thought that Jesus Christ died for us by name and shed his blood for us with a particular and personal sacrifice by which your chosen ones are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, and an unwavering confidence that not one of them shall ever be lost. Amen.

*Hymn #444 *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling* words printed on back

Postlude Judy Bailey and Jillionna Plemmons

*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. **Please fill out the Friendship Registers and pass them down the row for all to sign so that after worship, you can greet by name those who may be visiting.**

DR. SILMAN’S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday or on the church website after they have been posted.

COPIES OF ELEANOR FIOLE’S BOOK Missionary Miracles and the Prayers of God’s People are available for purchase (\$12 each) on the table in front of the sound booth. Missionary biographies from the church library are available on the table by the double doors to be checked out and read during our month-long missions’ emphasis. Books for children are included.

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. **REFRAIN**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **REFRAIN**

ACROSS THE LANDS

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began; Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice: Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

REFRAIN: You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man; and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea, yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. **REFRAIN**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake. Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. **REFRAIN**

O ZION, HASTE, YOUR MISSION HIGH FULFILLING

O ZION, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

REFRAIN: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the darksome prison house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying or of the life he died for them to win. **REFRAIN**

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, and all your spending Jesus will repay. **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.