

The Order for the Worship of God

June 26, 2022

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 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/The Solid Rock*
Norm Malenke, cello and Judy Bailey, piano

Call to Worship Psalm 34

PASTOR: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

*Hymn #659 *Let Us Praise God Together* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Redeeming God, we thank you for making us capable of knowing you, and for awakening our souls to desire you. Help us to approach you with reverent fear combined with holy boldness and joyful expectation. O God, melt our hearts, give us greater faith to believe that Christ has made an end to all our sin; past, present, and future. Open our eyes to see Jesus, our wonderful, merciful Savior. Fill our hearts with vibrant gratitude for Jesus, the cornerstone of the Church, and for making us part of his spiritual house as living stones, for choosing us, making us a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession. We were formerly not a people, but now we are your people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy, for which we praise and thank you for calling us out of darkness into your marvelous light. Amen.

*Songbook #21 *In Christ Alone* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Larry Martin

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon Series on 1 Peter #8 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Season of Silent Reflection, Confession and Prayer

Christ is laid across the path of humanity on its course into the future. In the encounter with him each person is changed: one for salvation, another for destruction.... One cannot simply step over Jesus to go on about the daily routine and pass him by to build a future. Whoever encounters him is inescapably changed through the encounter. Either one sees and becomes “a living stone,” or one stumbles as a blind person over Christ and comes to ruin, falling short, i.e., of one’s Creator and Redeemer and thereby of one’s destiny. (L. Goppelt, quoted by K.H. Jobes, in 1 Peter, p. 155)

God’s love is evidently prior to ours: “He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) God’s love is the cause of ours. “We love him because he first loved us.” Therefore, going back before all time, when we find God loving us with an everlasting love, we gather that the reason of His choice is not because we loved Him, but because He willed to love us. His reasons are known to Himself, but they are not to be found in any inherent goodness in us or which was foreseen to be in us. We were chosen simply because He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy. He loved us because He would love us. The gift of His dear Son was too great a sacrifice on God’s part to have been drawn from Him by any goodness in the creature.... Our redemption, like our election, springs from the spontaneous self-originating love of God. And our regeneration, in which we are made actual partakers of the divine blessings in Jesus Christ, was not of us nor by us. We owe our new birth entirely to His potent love, which dealt with us by effectually turning us from death to life, from darkness to light, and from alienation of our mind and the enmity of our spirit into that delightful path of love. (Strengthen My Spirit, Daily Devotions from the Works of Charles Spurgeon, Day 123)

*Hymn #342 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (1, 2 and 5)* words printed on back

Postlude Judy Bailey

Benediction

*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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET AT 9:45 a.m. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall and children in the west wing of the worship building.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH – all our invited! Cost for church members and regular attenders: \$5 per person and \$15 per family. No cost for visitors and Ridge Haven summer staff.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR TEENS – meets this afternoon @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH STAFF

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LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

Let us praise God together, let us praise; let us praise God together all our days. He is faithful in all his ways, he is worthy of all our praise, his name be exalted on high.

Let us seek God together, let us pray; let us seek his forgiveness as we pray. He will cleanse us from all our sin, he will help us the fight to win, his name be exalted on high.

Let us serve God together, him obey; let our lives show his goodness through each day. Christ the Lord is the world's true light, let us serve him with all our might, his name be exalted on high.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

*...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.