

The Order for the Worship of God

January 15, 2023

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

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 41 and 42

PASTOR: But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you who I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I will take you by the hand and keep you. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other.

ALL: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth.

*Hymn #94

How Firm a Foundation
(Stanzas 1,2,3, 5 and 6)

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*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth! You chose us in Christ before the world was made to be your people. You sent your Son to fulfill the demands of the law for us by his perfect obedience. You decreed his death on the cross as our substitute to satisfy divine justice. You have delivered us from slavery to sin and the fear of death. You have promised us an inheritance, undefiled, unfading, imperishable and kept in heaven for us. We lift up our hearts and voices in praise and thanks this day for your covenant love and faithfulness, your abiding presence, your Word of truth, and the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Songbook #22

Isaiah 43

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Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Paul Sawyer

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 1: 10-18

Sermon Series on Joshua #2

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

As a still fairly new Christian, I found the Old Testament to be a confusing and off-putting part of the Bible. I will always remember the answer given by Alec Motyer to a question about the relationship of Old Testament Israel to the church. His answer left me thunderstruck as a newly minted Christian.

He asked us to imagine how the Israelites under Moses would have given their ‘testimony’ to someone who asked for it. They would have said something like this:

We were in a foreign land, in bondage, under the sentence of death. But our mediator— the one who stands between us and God— came to us with the promise of deliverance. We trusted in the promises of God, took shelter under the blood of the lamb, and he led us out. Now we are on the way to the Promised Land. We are not there yet, of course, but we have the law to guide us, and through blood sacrifice we also have his presence in our midst. So, he will stay with us until we get to our true country, our everlasting home.

Then Dr Motyer concluded: ‘Now think about it. A Christian today could say the same thing, almost word for word.’ My young self was thunderstruck. This little thought experiment showed me, in a stroke, not only that the Israelites had been saved by grace and that God’s salvation had been by costly atonement and grace all along, but also that the pursuit of holiness, pilgrimage, obedience, and deep community should characterize Christians as well.” Timothy Keller, “Foreword” in Alec Motyer, *A Christian’s Pocket Guide to Loving the Old Testament* (Geanies House, Fearn, Ross-shire, Scotland, Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications, 2015)

Hymn #598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR TEENS meets today at 5:30 p.m.

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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?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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 borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though 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. For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. 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**

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side; songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

...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.