

The Order for the Worship of God

April 16, 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 Psalm 86

PASTOR: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you; they sing praise to your name.” Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man’s behalf!

ALL Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

*Hymn #75 *O Father, You Are Sovereign* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - one God in three Persons forever; we come before you on this Lord’s Day morning to offer our worship in songs of praise, prayers of confession and intercession, to hear your Word and, by your grace, heed it by the obedience of faith. Draw near to us; speak to us; convict and comfort us. Grant that we may walk in your way, bask in the assurance of your love, and experience your favor. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is our Righteousness and our Redeemer. Amen.

*Songbook # 20 *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Joshua 8:30-35

Sermon Series on Joshua #11 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

The pile of stones on mount Ebal was not gathered to be thrown in judgment *at* sinners, but for an altar on which was to be offered a sacrifice *for* sinners. Those unpolished but whole stones set forth both the humiliation and perfection of the Savior, as he appeared respectively to men and to God. To the natural

eyes of Israel, he possessed “no form nor comeliness,” and when they saw him, they perceived no beauty in him that they should desire him. But in the sight of the Father, he was “a precious cornerstone,” and in him the Father delighted. Nothing was to be hewn off the life of Christ, for it was perfect: none of his actions needed any modification. As Exodus 20:25 declared, “*If you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it.*” Not a single deed of Christ’s could be bettered, and if one had been missing from his entire life the whole had been spoiled. – A.W. Pink, Gleanings from Joshua, p. 230

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart; they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart. Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me: no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. Horatius Bonar, 1857

Hymn #671 *Forever Trusting in the Lord* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

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.

Women’s study on the Book of Ruth led by Ellie Silman concludes this Tuesday, 10 a.m. ‘til Noon.

Men’s study of Covenant Theology continues this Wednesday. The Covenant of Creation will be explained and discussed, 10:30 a.m. ‘til Noon.

Men’s Monthly Fellowship Luncheon will be held this Wednesday at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal - Check out the video archeological report on the church website link under Resources/Audio Sermons.

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O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man, no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain; transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil overruling as none but Conqu'ror could; your love pursues its purpose – our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior we trust and worship you!

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished, His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything – no gift, no pow'r, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

FOREVER TRUSTING IN THE LORD

Forever trusting in the Lord, take heed to do his will; so, shall you dwell within the land, and he your needs shall fill.

Delight now in the Lord, and he will grant your heart's request; to him commit your way in faith, and thus you shall be blessed.

Rest in the Lord with quiet trust, wait patiently for him; though wickedness triumphant seem, let not your faith grow dim.

*...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.