

The Order for the Worship of God

April 23, 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 Tim Browning

Call to Worship from Psalm 145

PASTOR: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn #2 *O Worship the King* words printed on back
(1,3,5,6)

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O God of Love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease; the wrath of sinful man restrain; give peace, O God, give peace again. Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful word? None ever called on you in vain; give peace, O God, give peace again. Come, be with us, Lord in this hour of worship; have your way with us by your word and Spirit. Show us our sins, grant us grace to repent and endeavor to live each day in the obedience of faith. Amen.

*Songbook # 56 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Joshua 9:1-6;14-15; 22-27

Sermon Series on Joshua #12 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Rahab was a harlot. The Gibeonites were liars. As far as we can tell, they dealt in duplicity without any motion of conscience at all. Bringing their heathen heritage with them, they lied with ease. Why did the Gibeonites come to Joshua? Because they had heard about the Lord and what he had done. And this fact alerts us to the truly important parallels between Rahab and the Gibeonites.

Rahab had heard all about Israel and how YHWH had delivered them from Egypt and delivered the two kings, Sihon and Og, into their hands (Joshua 2:10-11). The Gibeonites, too, were fearful when they heard “what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai” as well as to Sihon and Og. In the midst of pagan Jericho Rahab believed on the living God. Though the Gibeonites’ testimony was not as clear as Rahab’s, it is apparent that they did believe what they had heard. They said they came “because of the name of the LORD your God” (Joshua 9:24). In Semitic usage a name is a verbalization which represents one’s entire character. What the Gibeonites were really saying was, “We came because of who the LORD your God is.” So, in the cases of both Rahab and the Gibeonites what they had heard was sufficient to convince them.

Rahab left the enemies of God for the kingdom of the Jews. In making her decision, she pitted herself against her king and her culture. The Gibeonites did likewise. They broke with the confederacy and came over to the people of God.... Rahab not only remained a part of the people of God, she married a son of a prince of Judah and became an ancestor of Christ. The Gibeonites, too, had a special place. They remained close to the altar of God – servants in the house of the Lord. Rahab (plus her family) was the only individual saved out of Jericho. The Gibeonites were the only people saved out of the land who turned to God, and they flowed on through all the years of Jewish history. Francis Schaeffer, [Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History](#), 148-150

Hymn #725 *The Lord’s Prayer* words printed on back

Postlude Tim Browning

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.

Men’s study of Covenant Theology meets for the final time this Wednesday until resuming later in the year. The Noahic Covenant will be explained and discussed. Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon.

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O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old, has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end.; our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend, who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace: You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way; oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

REFRAIN: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore, You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for; oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne; oh, we're falling before Your throne. **REFRAIN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Lord of heav'n and earth, let praise and honor clothe your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done; throughout the world complete your reign. Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you for bread and breath each day anew.

Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debtors show your grace. Remove us from all tempting paths and guard us from the devil's ways; for glory, strength, and heaven's throne belong to you, and you alone.

...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.