

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

May 21, 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 103

PASTOR: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgives all your iniquity; who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.... The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

**ALL: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

\*Hymn #53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

**Loving heavenly Father, very God of very God, high and holy, righteous in all your ways, we have come to worship you, to renew our covenant vows of loving obedience, and to do so in the name and merit of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. His perfect obedience is our righteousness; his death in our place is the propitiation for our sins. Send your Spirit to work in our hearts today by the God-breathed Word. Write your law on our hearts that we may follow you all our days and your favor be upon us as you lead us through this life to our eternal dwelling place in Heaven. Amen.**

\*Songbook # 44 *Speak O Lord* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Joshua 24:14-28

Sermon Series on Joshua #16 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Nothing moves the heart, and therefore the will, like recollections of the grace of God in hours of need, like the guidance of the Lord in difficulties, the power of God in victories, and the patience of God in periods of weakness and temptation. These in themselves are sufficient to produce a response to the claims of God upon us. (Gleanings in Joshua, A.W. Pink, p. 425)

In his final address to the Israelites, Joshua ... reminds the people that it is only by God’s sovereign choice that they have been the recipients of his blessing. He warns them about taking his covenant blessings for granted.... In the generations that were to follow, Israel went through many cycles of sin and repentance. Eventually, after reaching the Promised Land, the Hebrews did suffer the covenant punishment God predicted would happen if they strayed from Him. (What’s In the Bible, R.C. Sproul & Robert Wolgemuth, pp. 67-68)

What are your gods? What gods did you leave when you made the great first choice to become a Christian? God says, “You chose once for all to be a Christian. Fine. Continue to choose, continue to choose, continue to choose – moment by moment, existentially. You must continue to choose between the old gods and me, the living God.” (Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History, Francis A. Schaeffer, p. 215)

\*Hymn # 585 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* words printed on back  
Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

Benediction

Postlude Tim Browning

\*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.

**WELCOMIE RIDGE HAVEN SUMMER STAFF.** The Cornerstone Church family will be faithfully praying for you this summer. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch after church on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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## **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee: ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee; decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for e'er we adore him.

## **SPEAK O LORD**

Speak O Lord, as we come to you to receive the truth of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the height of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

## **TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for 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.