

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

September 17, 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 Psalm 98:1-3

PASTOR: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**ALL: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

PASTOR: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**ALL: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

\*Hymn #437 *O God, to Us Show Mercy* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

**Gracious God and heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to fulfill every requirement of your holy law for us and die in our place to redeem us from the curse of the law. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to convince us of our sin and to work faith in our hearts enabling to believe and receive your gifts of forgiveness and spiritual life. Accept, we pray, the worship we offer to you – the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Songbook #1 *Across the Lands* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Galatians 4:8-11

Sermon Series on Galatians #14 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Scripture recognizes more forms of idolatry than polytheism. It says that idolatry exists whenever man gives himself up, heart and soul, to mastering an adored object. Covetousness is thus idolatry (Col. iii. 5). So, it by no means follows that sinners forsake idolatry when they abandon polytheism. All that happens is that they change their gods. Some ‘idolize’ wealth; and Christ calls such the slaves of Mammon in just the same exclusive sense as the Christian is the servant of his God (Mt. vi. 19, 24). Others ‘idolize’ and live for ideas, ideals, a cause, power, a wife, children, country, beauty, and many other things besides. The self-contradictory lust of sinful man to have something he can worship and master at the same time takes countless forms, each exhibiting the same pathetic ambivalence. Trying to rule what one serves—being enslaved by what one tries to rule—trying to play God to one’s gods, and ending up the captive of them all—that is idolatry, in all its forms. It is a satanic parody of man’s original relation to his Maker, and a source of endless misery to all its practitioners.” –James I. Packer, “Some Thoughts on General Revelation,” *Christian Graduate* 9.3 (1956): 119.

Idolatry is not just a failure to obey God, it is a setting of the whole heart on something besides God. This cannot be remedied only by repenting that you have an idol, or using willpower to try to live differently. Turning from idols is not less than those two things, but it is also far more. ‘Setting the mind and heart on things above’ where ‘your life is hidden with Christ in God’ (Colossians 3:1-3) means appreciating, rejoicing, and resting in what Jesus has done for you. It entails joyful worship, a sense of God’s reality in prayer. Jesus must become more beautiful to your imagination, more attractive to your heart, than your idol. That is what will replace your counterfeit gods. If you uproot the idol and fail to ‘plant’ the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back.” –Timothy J. Keller, Counterfeit Gods (New York: Dutton, 2009), 171-172.

\*Hymn #642 *Be Thou My Vision* (1, 3-5) words printed on back

Postlude Tim Browning

Benediction

\*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

**WELCOME TO ALL** and a warm greeting in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET AT 9:45 a.m.** Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Tom Osterhaus is currently teaching through the Book of Romans.

**LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** – *Even Better Than Eden* (DVDs by Nancy Guthrie) continues this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**WOMEN’S RETREAT at RIDGE HAVEN** – October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Details and sign up in the foyer.

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## O GOD, TO US SHOW MERCY

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace; cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face; that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing; in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring; for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness, and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing; for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring. The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send, and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

## ACROSS THJE LANDS

You're the Word of God the Father; from before the world began; ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice: let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

**REFRAIN:** You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man; and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea. Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. **REFRAIN**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake. Now you stand before the Father, interceding for Your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. **REFRAIN**

## BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*...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.