

The Order for the Worship of God

May 19, 2024
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

*Hymn # 170 *Fairest Lord Jesus* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer of Confession to be prayed in unison by all

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O Lord, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life – to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn #314 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson John 3:1-54

Sermon Series on John #5 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Geoffrey T. Bull, a missionary the Chinese imprisoned on the Tibetan border from 1950 to 1953 but later released, remarks on this aspect of Jesus' encounter with the woman: "If she could have seen just then what Jesus saw, she would have glimpsed another noonday when the sun would mourn in blackness and this same Stranger cry out from a Roman cross, 'I thirst!' She would have seen in him the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, the smitten Christ from whom the living waters flow.... He was thirstier than she knew. He was speaking for the very heart of God. He was moving in the travail of his soul and looked for satisfaction in the restoration of this sin scarred woman." (Geoffrey T. Bull, God Holds the Key [London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1967], 70-71.)

The woman, as Jesus met her at Jacob's well in the village of Sychar, was born again. She is the first clear example in the Gospel. She had not wanted to be saved. She did not even want to talk with Jesus on a personal level. Still, she was born again, and she proved it immediately by departing for the city of Sychar with the personal invitation and testimony, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:29). Jesus had revealed himself to her as the Messiah. She believed his testimony.... She had a change of values, a change in her interests; she had a verbal confession followed by a change in values; now she had a concern for the lost. What made her want to share her discovery? There is only one answer. It was love, the love of the Lord Jesus. He had loved her, a sinful woman. Now she was to love as he loved. Now she was able to love with a measure of the love with which Christ had loved her. This was a divine love, and it changed her completely. (James Montgomery Boice, Commentary on the Gospel of John, Baker Boos, 1985, 307-311)

Some of you good people, who do nothing except go to public meetings, and Bible readings, and prophetic conferences, and other forms of spiritual dissipation, would be a good deal better Christians if you would look after the poor and needy around you. If you would just tuck up your sleeves for work, and go and tell the Gospel to dying men, you would find your spiritual health mightily restored, for very much of the sickness of Christians comes through their having nothing to do. All feeding and no working make men spiritual dyspeptics. Be idle, careless, with nothing to live for, nothing to care for, no sinner to pray for ... and who wonders if you begin to groan, and to murmur, and to look within, until you are ready to die of despair. Let us have practical Christianity. (Charles H. Spurgeon, Sermons on the Gospel of John, 35).

*Hymn #164 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

*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 CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN's DVD STUDY – "Truth and Consequences" by Dr. Al Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY will continue this Wednesday May 15th. Time: 10:30 a.m. 'til Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCHEON – May 26th. This will be a catered lunch (bar-b-que and all the trimmings). Please sign up in the foyer – and indicate your willingness to bring a dessert. 75 guests from Ridge Haven will be with us for worship and stay for lunch.

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FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; and love, joy, hope like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever – that name to us is LOVE.

O FOR A THOUAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

...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.