

The Order for the Worship of God

June 23, 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 from Psalm 32

PASTOR: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

ALL: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*Hymn # 604 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 6)

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O Lord, our God, we rejoice that you have not counted our sins against us; we rejoice that your love for us will never let us go in spite of the fact that we continue to sin and fall short of your incomparable glory. We rejoice that Christ has recognized our helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for our souls – that he is our righteousness – that he bore our sins and satisfied your just judgment against us. Create in us pure hearts, as we strive by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to die unto sin and live more and more unto righteousness. Amen.

*Songbook 21 *In Christ Alone* words printed on back
(stanzas 1 and 4)

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World John Rowe

Scripture Lesson John 8:1-59

Sermons on the Gospel of John #9 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Prayerful Reflection on today’s sermon

What does it mean that John says (John 8:59) “but Jesus hid himself (also translated *passes by*) and went out of the temple?” We live in a day when men and women are won over to ego-tickling

dogmas of universalism, the idea that all will be saved. But there is nothing in the Word of God to justify that conclusion. You say, “But why doesn’t God save all men?” I don’t know, but he doesn’t. And here is a case. Notice that throughout the entire conversation Jesus has not even been trying to convert these religious leaders (much of chapter 8). He has merely been exposing their sin. Moreover, we are told that Jesus eventually (*hid himself*) passed by and went his way. There are some people whom God gives up (Romans 1:24, 26, 28). God gives up nations, if they will not live by righteous standards. God gives up churches, when they depart from their first love. God gives up individuals. Woe to the person whom the Lord Jesus Christ passes by (*hides himself*)! This is a tragic end to the contacts of Christ with these religious leaders. But in the opening verse of chapter 9 we are told “as he (Jesus) passed by he saw a man who was blind from his birth” and saved him. Here is a man who in his blindness could not even see the Lord Jesus. Yet Jesus saw him and gave him both physical and spiritual sight. He could not seek Christ, yet he was found by him. How wonderful! What a great hope for the sinner! (James Montgomery Boice; The Gospel of John, vol. 2, p. 678)

*Hymn #498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

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.

AFTER CHURCH CATERED LUNCHEON will follow the worship service next Sunday, June 30th. Please sign up and indicate your willingness to bring a dessert to share. Ridge Haven summer staff will be worshipping with us and enjoying lunch with us afterwards.

ANDREW SHANK, RUF campus minister at Western Carolina University, will be preaching next Sunday. Pastor and Mrs. Silman will be in Houston for the wedding of their oldest grandson, Jackson Holland, to Mary Catherine Montgomery on the 29th and will remain in Houston with their daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Clay Holland, the following week, returning on Friday, July 5th.

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REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

REFRAIN: Rejoice (rejoice) rejoice (rejoice), rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth! **REFRAIN**

At last, the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest. **REFRAIN**

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. **REFRAIN**

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love. What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. **RERRAIN**

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find; he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. **REFRAIN**

...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.