

The Order for the Worship of God

August 3, 2025
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 and Jillionna Plemmons

Call to Worship from the Book of Psalms

PASTOR: Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble. The Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
ALL: For he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice!

*Hymn #65 *Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty King, write your law upon our hearts as you promised you would do. Incarnate Word, speak to us today; Holy Spirit, grant success to the God’s written word as it is read and preached. Plant your word deep in us today and make us eager to obey out of love rather than duty or fear. Enable us to see and savor your love for us – so that we give our hearts completely to you and call you “my husband.” We ascribe praise, honor, and glory to you: the only true and sovereign God – one God in Three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Songbook # 20 *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Paul Sawyer

Scripture Lesson Hosea 1:1-11

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #27 Hosea. Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Hosea revealed little about his background, though his book of prophecy offers a few glimpses into his life. The prophet’s name means “salvation,” likely a reference to Hosea’s position in Israel as a beacon of hope to those who would repent and turn to God because of his message. Following the command of God, Hosea married Gomer, a bride

God described as “a wife of harlotry” (1:2) and a woman who bore three children, two sons and a daughter (1:4, 6, 9). God used the names of Hosea’s children, along with his wife’s unfaithfulness, to send specific messages to the people of Israel. In (1:1), the prophet identified the kings that ruled during his prophetic ministry. The first four—Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah—reigned over the southern kingdom of Judah from 790 BC to 686 BC, while Jeroboam II ruled the northern kingdom of Israel from 782 BC to 753 BC. This indicates that Hosea lived in the middle to late eighth century BC (755–715 BC), making him a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah and Micah. Hosea directed the early portion of his prophetic warnings to Jeroboam II, a descendant of the house of Jehu whose son, Zechariah, would soon come to ruin (1:2; 2 Kings 15:12). Because this prophecy against the descendants of Jeroboam involved the birth of Hosea’s children, we can conclude that he lived in the northern kingdom, where the names of his children would have had the greatest impact. More than any other prophet, Hosea linked his message closely with his personal life. By marrying a promiscuous woman, he knew would eventually betray his trust and by giving his children names that sent messages of judgment on Israel, Hosea’s prophetic word flowed out of the life of his family. The cycle of repentance, redemption, and restoration evident in Hosea’s prophecy—and even his marriage (1:2; 3:1-3) remains intimately connected to our lives. God’s love for Israel, a nation of people more interested in themselves than in God’s direction for their lives, shines through clearly against the darkness of their idolatry and injustice (14:4). Throughout the book, Hosea pictured the people turning away from the Lord and turning toward other gods (4:12–3; 8:5–6). This propensity for idolatry meant that the Israelites lived as if they were not God’s people. And though God told them as much through the birth of Hosea’s third child, *Lo-ammi*, He also reminded them that He would ultimately restore their relationship with Him, using the intimate and personal language of “sons” to describe His wayward people (1:9–10; 11:1).

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Hymn #708 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* words printed on back
(Ridge Haven Summer Staff – Indelible Grace Version)

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey and Jillionna Plemmons

*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. **INVITATION TO PARTAKE OF COMMUNION: All baptized believers who are members in good standing of an evangelical church are invited. Please hold the elements until all have been served; we will partake together.**

GODSPEED TO RIDGE HAVEN SUMMER STAFF! Thanks for spending the summer in service to campers and conferees at Ridge Haven; and thanks for worshiping with the Cornerstone Church family as well! Hope to see some of you again next year!

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL - For those desiring a better understanding of the prophecies recorded in the Book of Daniel – copies of an excellent explanation are available on one of the tables in the foyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children meet in classroom #3.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST– (TODAY) 3rd Denise Sawyer, Amy Holman; 10th Karen McKee, BK Decker; 17th Marsha Elliott, Joanna Martin; 24th Joan Pretorius, Suzy Greene; 31st Becky Chapel, Amy Holman.

BEFORE JEHOVAH’S AWESOME THRONE

Before Jehovah’s awesome throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy; know that the Lord is God alone, he can create, and he destroy – he can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign pow’r, without our aid, made us of dust and formed us men; and when like wand’ring sheep we strayed, he brought us to his fold again – he brought us to his fold again.

We are his people, we his care, our souls and all our mortal frame; what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to our name? – almighty Maker, to your name?

We’ll crowd your gates with thankful songs, high as the heav’ns our voices raise; and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill your courts with sounding praise – shall fill your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is your command, vast as eternity your love; firm as a rock your truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move – when rolling years shall cease to move.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

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*...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.