

The Order for the Worship of God

September 7, 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

Call to Worship from Psalm 103

PASTOR: 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 ...

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Hymn #76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Heavenly Father, make me more like Jesus and less like Jonah. Create in me a heart that quickly and gladly says yes to you! My heart is full of my own prejudices and preferences. Give me a heart to love even my enemies as do you. Make me willing to go wherever you send, willing to be mistreated for the gospel of grace in Jesus. Allow me the joy of sharing in the fellowship of my Savior’s suffering. I’m ashamed of my lack of compassion for those around me. I prefer retreating to a comfortable, affirming, holy huddle. Give me insight into my anger as well as into my joy so that I can hate what you hate and love what you love. Keep me from becoming a cold-hearted, moralistic person. Break my heart the way your heart is broken for those who are perishing. May my life be a sign pointing people to you; showing them the same mercy you have shown me. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.

*Hymn *Love Lifted Me* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Jonah 1:1-3; 2:10; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #31 Jonah Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The book of Jonah, written primarily in the third person, does not explicitly name the prophet as the author of his own account, but we have no reason to doubt either the inspiration or the historical veracity of the book. When the call of God came to him, Jonah could not see beyond his own selfish desire for God to punish the Assyrians. How could God want him to take a message of mercy to such people? Before Jonah could relay God’s message, he had to be broken. He had to learn something about the mercy of the Lord. Through his flight to Tarshish, his shipwreck, and his time in the great fish, Jonah was convinced in a powerful way that all salvation comes from the Lord ([Jonah 2:9](#)). He was a reluctant evangelist! And, because of God’s supreme power, only God decides where to pour out His salvation and His mercy (4:11).

The mission God gave Jonah meant possible death and suffering. This is a call that many Christians have heard over the years, going to preach and do good in parts of the world where sudden death is possible every day. Jonah, however, refused to go, thinking only of himself. The mission God gave Jesus, however, meant certain death and infinite suffering, and yet he went, thinking not of himself but of us.... Jonah went into the depths of the sea in order to save the sailors, but Jesus went into the depths of death and separation from God – hell itself - in order to save Jonah. Jonah is crushed under the weight of the “waves and breakers” of God’s “waters”, but Jesus was buried under the waves and billows of God’s wrath. Jonah said he was in Sheol and driven from God’s sight. The Apostles’ Creed says that, for our sake, Jesus “descended into hell.” If you were a hundred times worse than you are your sins would be no match for his mercy.” Timothy Keller, [The Prodigal Prophet](#), pp. 141, 210-11)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Spiritual Song *His Mercy Is More* 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. **PLEASE SIGN, PASS THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION BOOKS DOWN THE AISLE AND THEN PASS IT BACK. USE IT TO GREET ONE ANOTHER BY NAME!**

WE INVITE ALL baptized believers who are members in good standing of an evangelical church (those who proclaim the blood and righteousness of Jesus for salvation) to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – “Continuing in Acts” by Nancy Guthrie begins Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. Please bring a sandwich or salad for lunch to share and to celebrate with those who have birthdays in September.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: The monthly men’s fellowship lunch will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, **September 10th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own sack lunch and drink, and come prepared to enjoy the fellowship of your brothers in Christ!

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER– (TODAY) 7th – Gail Grissom, BK Decker; 14th Lou Vissers, Kathleen George; 21st Karen McKee, Nancy Davis; 28th Joanna Martin, Denise Sawyer.

THE SESSION WILL RECEIVE NOMINATIONS for the offices of elder and deacon beginning today and continuing through Sunday, September 28th. Nomination forms are available in the foyer.

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well, our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

LOVE LIFTED ME (James Rowe, words; Howard Smith, musical score)

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore; very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; but the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

REFRAIN: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. (repeat)

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, in His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs; faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. REFRAIN

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves: He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be – be saved today! REFRAIN

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done. Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore ... Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. REFRAIN

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord. His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness new every morn' ... Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor ... our sins they are many, His mercy is more. REFRAIN

What riches of kindness He lavished on us! His blood was the payment His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. REFRAIN

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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.