

## *The Order for the Worship of the Risen Christ*

June 7, 2026

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 from Psalm 145

PASTOR: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom,

**ALL: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

\*Hymn #115 *All Creatures of Our God and King* words printed on back  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

\*Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

**Father of mercy: we are sinful in our closest walk with you, and it is only by your mercy that we continue to breathe and live. Your grace has given us faith in Jesus, his obedience and death on the cross, by whose work, not our own, we are reconciled to you. Though we stand before you as guilty sinners, you have reckoned us to be as righteous as Christ in your sight. Thank you for imputing to us his obedience. Holy Spirit, teach us to live in humble dependence on you, that Jesus may be exalted in our minds and hearts. Amen.**

\*Hymn #141 *God, in the Gospel of His Son* words printed on back  
(stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

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

Scripture Lesson Titus 2:11-15

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #57 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Three summaries of the incarnation dot the pages of Titus, providing a framework within which the Christian can view the work of God in the world and in individual lives (Titus 1:1–4; 2:11–14; 3:4–7). All three passages involve the manifestation, or appearance, of God in Christ, rooting the Christian faith in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Only when God the Son took on human flesh in the person of Jesus was the believer’s faith in God made sure. In other words, since God poured out His grace on all humanity, He cleanses His people from their sin and purifies believers for Himself. This grace of God instructs us to live upright and godly lives in this present age (2:11–3:8). The doctrine of the incarnation in the letter to Titus grounds its message of producing right living through the careful attention to theological truth. The churches on Crete were just as susceptible to false teachers as any other church, so Paul directed Titus to establish a group of faithful elders to oversee the doctrinal purity and good conduct of the believers on Crete. Paul exhorted Titus to “speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1), a clear direction that this should be the young pastor’s primary role. However, Paul also understood that when a body of believers embraces sound doctrine, the result is changed and purified lives that produce “good deeds” (mentioned in Titus 2:7, 14; 3:8, 14). God’s grace is the motivation for all good deeds.

Heidelberg Catechism Questions and Answers #12 - #19 (see insert)

**The Lord’s Supper:** invited to the table are all baptized believers who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that preaches Christ crucified for sin, risen bodily from the dead, ascended seated at the right hand of God the Father, and returning to judge the living and the dead.

\*Songbook #46 *The Power of the Cross* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Tim Browning

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT REV. STEVEN WEISS AS PASTOR**

\*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!**

**SAY THANK-YOU TO TIM BROWNING for his service as substitute pianist for the past several years! God-speed, Tim!**

**FAREWELL TO THE OSTERHAUSES AFTER CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.**

**POT PROVIDENCE LUNCHEON:** June 28<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. Ridge Haven Summer Staff will again join us; therefore, please bring ample dishes to go with the fried chicken from Ingles and feed hungry and thankful young people.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE – TODAY: JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>** Lou Vissers, Denise Sawyer; 14<sup>th</sup> Marsha Elliott, Rebecca Hagedorn; 21<sup>st</sup> Gail Grissom, BK Decker; 28<sup>th</sup> Karen McKee and ?.

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

(1) All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(3) Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(5) Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## GOD, IN THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON

(1) God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known; where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

(2) Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name; may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

(5) O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word; its truths with meekness to receive, and by it holy precepts live.

## THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten them nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your blood-stained brow. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the victory cry. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in his wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through your selfless love! This this pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love, what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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.

## Heidelberg Catechism

12 Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied.<sup>1</sup> Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.<sup>2</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11 <sup>2</sup> Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

13 Q. Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.<sup>1</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

14 Q. Can another creature—any at all— pay this debt for us?

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.<sup>2</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18 <sup>2</sup> Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

15 Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**A. One who is a true<sup>1</sup> and righteous<sup>2</sup> human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.<sup>3</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17 <sup>2</sup> Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26 <sup>3</sup> Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1

16 Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

**A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin;<sup>1</sup> but a sinful human could never pay for others.<sup>2</sup>** Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16 <sup>2</sup> Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

17 Q. Why must the mediator also be true God?

**A. So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.<sup>1</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21

18 Q. Then who is this mediator— true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

**A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup> who was given to us to deliver us and make us completely right with God.<sup>2</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5 <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. 1:30

19 Q. How do you come to know this?

**A. The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;<sup>1</sup> later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs<sup>2</sup> and prophets<sup>3</sup> and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;<sup>4</sup> and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.<sup>5</sup>** <sup>1</sup> Gen. 3:15 <sup>2</sup> Gen. 22:18; 49:10 <sup>3</sup> Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2 <sup>4</sup> Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10 <sup>5</sup> Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17

## Book of Church Order Chapter 20: The Election of Pastors

20-2 A church shall proceed to elect a pastor in the following manner: The Session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pulpit committee ... (*This was done July 20, 2025. Those elected to the committee: Joe Holman, Paul Sawyer, John Decker, Rebecca Hagedorn, and Kelly Clark*). [25-3: A quorum of the congregational meeting shall consist of one-fourth of the resident communing members, if the church has not more than one hundred such members (16). 25-4: The pastor shall be the moderator of congregational meetings by virtue of his office. 25-5: A clerk shall be elected by the congregation to serve at that meeting.... The session asks the congregation to concur with its recommendation that Larry Martin, clerk of session serve as recording clerk for this meeting.]

20-2 The pulpit committee shall, after consultation and deliberation, recommend to the congregation a pastoral candidate whom in its judgment, fulfills the Constitutional requirements of that office ... and is most suited to be profitable to the spiritual interests of the congregation.... The session shall order a congregational meeting to convene at the regular place of worship. Public notice of the time, place, and purpose of this meeting shall be given at least one week prior to the time of the meeting. (*Such notice was given two full weeks prior to today's meeting.*)

20-3 ... All communing members in good and regular standing, but no others, are entitled to vote in the churches to which they are respectively attached.

20-4 Method of voting: The voters being convened, and prayer for divine guidance having been offered, the moderator shall put the question: ARE YOU READY TO PROCEED TO THE ELECTION OF A PASTOR? If they declare themselves ready, the election may proceed by ballot without nominations. (In this case, the pulpit committee with the session's approbation places in nomination Rev. Steven Weiss and that no others be accepted. ...a majority of all the votes cast (excluding blanks and abstentions) shall be required to elect.

20-6 Form of call: The terms of the formal call will be distributed prior to the election (*see back of insert*)

20-7 If any church shall choose to designate its ruling elders and deacons, or a committee to sign its call, it shall be at liberty to do so. (*The session recommends that elders John Decker, Larry Martin, and Paul Sawyer be elected by the church to sign the call.*) But it shall, in such case, be fully certified to the Presbytery by the person who presided at the meeting, and that the persons signing have been appointed for that purpose by a public vote of the church, and that the call has been in all other respects prepared as above directed.

20-8 Prosecution of call: *The session also recommends the following elders be elected to present and prosecute the call before Highlands Presbytery: Joe Holman, Paul Sawyer, and John Decker, and Larry Martin.*

20-9 When a pastor desires to accept a call to another Presbytery, he must be examined and approved by the Presbytery for the pastorate to which he is being called, and must be released for transfer by his present Presbytery from his pastorate. The Presbytery exam will be August 1<sup>st</sup> in Boone. His release from his current Presbytery for transfer into Highlands Presbytery is unknown but must occur before being received by HP.

23-2 The Presbytery may designate a minister as honorably retired when the minister by reason of age wishes to be retired.... (*Pastor Silman will make this request as soon as possible after Rev. Weiss has been installed as pastor.*)