

Order of Worship April 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 8:14 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us!

People: Come! Let us celebrate the festival!

(Psalm 46:1, 124:8, 145:9, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing/ Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice/ Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice/ Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky/ Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend/ To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end/ Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again/ Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain/ Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore/ His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore/ Alleluia! Amen!

"Come Christians Join to Sing"
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Scripture Reading

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

(Exodus 20:1-17 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! (Chorus)

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Moody, Assistant Pastor

Offertory

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Love and Live Like Jesus"

Romans 13:8-14

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Song of Preparation

The Gospel Song

Holy God, in love, became perfect man to bear my blame.

On the cross He took my sin; by His death I live again.

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Profession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church**, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Christ was buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day (WLC #50)

**catholic means the universal, world-wide church

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so we can take them individually and corporately. Please feel free to pray, sing or quietly meditate as the elements are passed. Gluten-free bread is available, please let the elders know as they pass the bread. Children and guests who have not made a personal profession of faith in Christ and have not become a communing member of this (or some other) church are welcome to stay and watch but please do not partake. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *(Chorus)*
In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *(Chorus)*
Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful one,
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. *(Chorus)*

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
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Song of Response

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

*"Doxology"
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Benediction

My Jesus I Love Thee

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now*

*I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*"My Jesus I Love Thee"
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Arrangement: Billy Park
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here! If you'd like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family, and place it in the offering plate.

Missions Fundraiser Lunch - Next Sunday in the FLC after the second service. Please join us for a cookout to benefit the Joni & Friends and Yakama summer mission teams. For more information and to donate, please check your email or visit cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Women's Ministry Spring Fellowship Dinner - Ladies, please join us on Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The cost for a regular ticket is \$15. Tickets for ladies in the College & Career Sunday school group cost \$10. Please RSVP by April 24 by visiting cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scrolling down to "Upcoming Events".

Men's Ministry Fellowship Dinner - Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 pm in the FLC.

VBS Olympion 2024 Registration - Registration is now open for kids attending VBS on June 3-6 from 9-11:30 am. To register, visit cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events". Please contact Mary Cooper with any questions at mary@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Bonnie Stock, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Ruby Petcher, Marc Goldmon, Abby Reese Wren, and those sick and suffering.

Pray for our homebound friends - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.

Pray for our expectant mothers - Olivia Hitt (June), Kayla Few (August), and the McMillan adoption.

Praise God for the birth of Collier Elizabeth Nunley, born on April 10 to Ben and Rebecca Nunley.

Pray for ongoing construction projects and also our church neighbors.

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Alabama Church Planting Network (Rev. Jeph Guinan) and First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, AL.

**The Lord's Day
April 14, 2024**