

Order of Worship

September 18, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Pastor: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

People: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

Pastor: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

ALL: To him be glory forever! Amen! (Romans 11:33-36 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days

Almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above,

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest the True Life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see,

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Chorus: O sing hallelujah!/Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!/Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord.

Then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus x2)

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufin, and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa

Scripture Reading

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his

handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals

knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the

world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom

leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its

rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and

there is nothing hidden from its heat. (Psalm 19:1-6 ESV)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

(Hebrews 11:3 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown,

Your boundless love unending, in grace and mercy shown.

Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,

They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;

Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.

Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,

Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God! (Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,

Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,

Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe

Sing praises to the Living God who rules them by His word! (Chorus)

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Profession of Faith

(A catechism adapted from Romans 1:16-20)

Pastor: Why should we not be ashamed of the Gospel? (16a)

People: Because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes (16b).

Pastor: How is the Gospel the power of God?

People: Because in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, that is, God's way of justifying sinners (17).

Pastor: Why is this righteousness from God necessary?

People: Because the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth (18).

Pastor: How has man suppressed the truth?

People: Because what may be known about God is plain to them ... for since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities ... have been clearly seen so that men are without excuse.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Across the Lands"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Saved from What?"

Romans 1:18-23

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

Sermon Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would 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 9:45am.

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

New Members Class - Continues this morning during Sunday School in the Family Life Center.

Called Congregational Meeting for Officer Elections - The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 25th at 9:45am at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. Please see brochure in the lobby for more information.

FOUNDATIONS - Join us Wednesdays this fall for a meal at 5:30pm. Discipleship opportunities for all ages are from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery is provided. RSVP at cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations or scan the QR code below to register.

Youth Downtown Open - It's time for our 4th annual putt-putt competition, Sunday, September 25th, from 4:30-6:30pm. Meet at Jimmy John's downtown on the square. See Pastor Brian for more details.

Women's Fall Lake Retreat Day - Join us Saturday, October 15th from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Kimrey's lake house. Visit cornerstonehuntsville.org/events to register.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Mike Bayless, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, and Kyle Mosier.

Pray for healing - April DeJong, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Berin Wendorf, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Luke McClure, and Lauren Davenport.

Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher

Pray for our expectant mothers - Hillary Hornor (November) and Kawell (adoption).

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our officer candidates and their families

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Brent and Selana Miller (Missionaries to Mexico), and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, AL (Pastor Jeff Hooker).

Across the Lands

*You're the Word of God the Father/From before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet/Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together/By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory/Let the land and seas rejoice!*

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

*Yet You left the gaze of angels/Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven/For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry/With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered/That the guilty may go free! (Chorus)*

*With a shout You rose victorious/Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven/Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father/Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation/You are leading sinners home! (Chorus)*

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