

Order of Worship July 16, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God! (Psalm 68:35 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

People: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

People : Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

Pastor: Blessed be God!

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 68:32-35 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail, for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” | George Job Elvey |
Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridge

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

“Before The Throne Of God Above” | Charitie Lees Bancroft |
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Scripture Reading

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: “The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!” The women at home divide the spoil—though you men lie among the sheepfolds—

the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold. When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snow fall on Zalmon. O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the Lord will dwell forever? The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.

(Psalm 68:1-18 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

“Thy Mercy My God” | John Stoker |
Sandra McCracken | Words: Public Domain

Profession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 54

Pastor:.. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

ALL: Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Preaching of the Word

“The Ascended and Reigning Christ”

Mr. John Summers

Psalms 68

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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” Louis Bourgeois/
Thomas Ken | Words: Public Domain*

Benediction

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 9:45 am.

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.

Construction and Renovation Update - On August 6th, worship services will move to the Family Life Center (FLC) for a season while renovations take place in the main church building. Worship services will still be at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Be sure to check out cornerstoneabounding.org for the latest updates.

FLC Move Workdays - The Deacons need assistance moving the church office to prepare for construction. Please see this week’s newsletter for more information. For questions, please contact David Hoover at ddhoover53@gmail.com or Gary Abernathy at garydabernathy@gmail.com.

New Members Class - Begins Sunday, August 13th, during the Sunday School hour. The class will be for 6 weeks. This is an opportunity to learn more about Cornerstone and to pursue membership. Please email office@cornerstonehuntsville.org to register.

Women’s Ministry Event - Live Flower Guild Demo & Workshop on Tuesday, July 25th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary by guest speaker Lisa Edwards. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$20. For additional details and to register, please contact Geralee Bayless 256-651-8354 or Jane Bise 256-527-6541.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Mari Carmen Wendorf, Abby Reese Wren, AddyMcClure, Dawn Chenault, and April DeJong.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), Sami Pottorf (August), Denia Dillon (August), Melanie Bray (September), and Olivia Clemmons (January).

Praise God for the birth of Timothy Sheridan Mace, born to Andrew and Andrea Mace on July 13th!

Pray for Yakama Summer Mission Team.

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Sacred Road Ministries and Grace Covenant Church, Athens, AL (Rev. Jeff Hooker).

**The Lord’s Day
July 16, 2023**