

Order of Worship

July 30, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" (Psalm 70:4 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past/Our hope for years to come;

Our shelter from the stormy blast/And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne/Thy saints have dwelt secure;

Sufficient is thine arm alone/And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood/Or earth received her frame,

From everlasting thou art God/To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past/Our hope for years to come,

Be thou our guard while troubles last/And our eternal home.

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

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Scripture Reading

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open

ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God! (Psalm 40 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found

He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love what depths of peace

When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay

Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death

This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath

Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Abide With Me"

Preaching of the Word

Mr. Chris Moody

"Worth the Wait"

Psalm 70

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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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Corporate 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)

Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(Chorus): *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow

While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking

He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! I do now receive Him

More than all in Him I find;

He hath granted me forgiveness

I am His, and He is mine. *(Chorus)*

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

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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

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.

What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless

Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness

Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?

I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

"Abide With Me" Henry Lyte | Justin Smith

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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 in the collection plate.

Construction and Renovation Update - On August 6, 8:30 am and 11 am worship services will move to the Family Life Center (FLC) for a season while renovations take place in the main building. Check out cornerstoneabounding.org for the latest updates.

FLC Move Workday - As many able-bodied folks are needed to help move sanctuary chairs to the FLC immediately following the 11 am service on July 30.

New Members Class - 6-week class beginning August 13 during the Sunday School hour. This is an opportunity to learn more about Cornerstone and to pursue membership. Please email office@cornerstonehuntsville.org to register.

Back-to-School Bags - Collecting school supply donations and baked goods for Blossomwood Elementary on July 31 at 9 am. **Please drop off items in the clear bin at the Gathering Room no later than 9 am on July 31.** For more details, please contact Karen Taylor at 256-656-0518.

Joint Sunday School - On August 6, join us in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour as we hear reports and stories from the summer mission trips.

InFocus Bike Donations - If you would like to donate a bike for the annual bike raffle on August 19 for UAH international students, please contact Seth Waldecker at seth@paradigms.net by August 5. The primary need is for adult bikes.

Youth Lake Day - August 6, for junior and senior high from 3-7 pm at the McClures' lake house! 129 Malibu Circle, Scottsboro, AL 35769.

Journey Groups! - Men, are you interested in joining a small group? Journey groups are forming this fall. This is a great way to help you grow in your walk with Christ and be encouraged by other men. Please contact Bob Boerner at bob@vantageconnect.org to learn more.

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, Addy McClure, Dawn Chenault, April DeJong, and Gary Abernathy.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), Sami Pottorf (August), Melanie Bray (September), Olivia Clemons (January), and Lauren Hudgins (February).

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - All Saints Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Matt Patrick) and Village Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Alex Shipman).

The Lord's Day

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