

Order of Worship

March 26, 2017

Prelude

“May the Peoples Praise You”

Welcome & Announcements

John Bise, Elder

Preparation for Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

ALL: Praise the LORD! *(Psalm 103 ESV)*

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go/I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe/That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way/I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain/I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain/And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head/I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead/And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”
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May The Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

*Chorus: May the peoples praise You / Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes / That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. *(Chorus)*

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. *(Chorus)*

“May The Peoples Praise You”
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Scripture Reading

Mr. Matthew Elliott

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3–5 ESV)

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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Baptismal Responsive Reading

Pastor: And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. *(Genesis 17:7 ESV)*

People: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. *(Acts 2:38-39 ESV)*

People: Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Pastor: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. *(Ephesians 2:12-13 ESV)*

People: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. *(Galatians 3:13-14 ESV)*

Pastor: In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. *(Colossians 2:11-12 ESV)*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Jackson Ryan Grady

Parker Amelia Grady

Son and Daughter of Ryan and Jana Grady

Hymn of Response

Our Children, Lord, In Faith and Prayer

Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer, we baptize in your name.
Let them your covenant mercies share as we our faith proclaim.

Such children you did once embrace while dwelling here below;
to us and ours, O Lord of grace, the same compassion show.

In all their days their hearts secure from sinful snares, we pray.
Throughout their lives let them endure in every righteous way.

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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory**

“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”

Preaching of the Word Rev. Wilson A Shirley, Senior Pastor

“The Gospel in Four Words”

*Ephesians 6:23-24
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Song of Response

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound / That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now am found / Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear / And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear / The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers toils and snares / I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far / And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years / Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise / Than when we'd first begun.

“Amazing Grace”
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Benediction

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted / See Him dying on a tree!
He, the Christ, by man rejected / Oh my soul, my soul, 'tis He!
He, the long expected prophet / David's Son, yet David's Lord;
See the Author of creation / He the true and faithful Word.*

*Tell, me you who hear His groaning / Was there ever grief like His?
Dearest friends His cause disowning / Soldiers mocking His distress.
Many hands were raised to wound Him / None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him / Was the stroke that Justice gave.*

*Ye who think of sin but lightly / Nor suppose your evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly / Here your guilt may estimate.
See the sacrifice appointed / See who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed / Son of Man and Son of God.*

*Here we have a firm foundation / Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ the Rock of our salvation / Christ the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded / Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded / Who on Him their hope have built.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please speak to one of the greeters and fill out the Connect Card.

Youth Event - The youth group will be going to "The Rock and Worship Roadshow" at the Von Braun Center on Thursday, March 30. Meet at the church at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door. E-mail Jessica for more information at jessica@cornerstone-pres.org.

Foundations - Foundations is from 5-7pm. Dinner is served at 5:15pm. This week's dinner will be pasta, along with the weekly salad bar. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family. Please make your reservation with the Connect Card.

Cornerstone Men's Retreat Deadline Today - March 31-April 1 at Camp Maranatha on Lake Guntersville. Cost: \$65 (lodge room with 2 men, 2 queen beds and 3 meals) or \$40 (cabin with bunks and 3 meals). Check-in will begin Friday at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. *Topic: The Core of a Godly Man.*

Lillies for Easter - If you would like to purchase Easter Lillies in honor of or memory of a loved one, please place your order through the Connect Card. Lillies are \$12/each. Make checks payable to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and place in the offering plate.

Easter at Cornerstone - Easter Sermon Series beginning April 2nd: *Rejected, Wounded, Exalted: Isaiah 52-53.* Palm Sunday, April 9th, children singing. Good Friday Communion Service, April 14th, 6pm. Easter Sunday, April 16th.

Easter Brunch - Join us after the Easter worship service for a brunch in the fellowship hall. There will be no Sunday School.

Save The Date! - Sunday, April 23rd Churchwide Fellowship - BBQ & Talent Show. Details coming soon!

VBS Registration Dates - VBS 2017 online registration opens on Sunday, April 16th and closes Sunday, May 14th. A registration table will be available after the worship service during those weeks. Please contact Matthew Elliott at matthew@cornerstone-pres.org if you have any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing - Please pray for the health of the following individuals: Bill Baldwin, Hart Barham, Ann Keown and Aubrey Lammons.

Pray for church members caring for family - Carol Cox, Wendy Dillon, Bryan Gassaway, Mark Hundscheid, Debbie Jones, Alan Patterson, Randy and Dee Petcher, Tim and David Ricks, Neil Sutphin, Earl and Jean Wells, Sean Williamson and Susan Wilson.

Facility Committee - Pray for wisdom and direction as we pursue God's leading on a permanent location.

Ministries - Seth & Jessica Lewis, Missionaries to Ireland, Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church-Albertville, Cornerstone Men's Retreat

Please contact the church office by Thursday for changes or additions to prayer requests.

The Lord's Day - March 26, 2017