

## Order of Worship

May 2, 2021

### Prelude

*“His Mercy Is More”*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

*And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3 ESV)*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Pastor: The LORD Has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**ALL: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!** *(Psalm 98:1-4 ESV)*

### Invocation

### Praise and Adoration

#### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen, sound from His people again;  
Gladly for all we adore Him.

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”  
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### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor Comforter Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way.

*(Chorus) You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne.

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”  
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### Scripture Reading

*Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:1-11 ESV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum,  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more;  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

“His Mercy Is More”  
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### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Pastor: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt for it is great.

**People: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Pastor: The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

**People: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

*(Psalm 25:4-7, 11, 16-18 ESV)*

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 ESV)*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory\*

*“Knowing You”*

\*Tithes and offerings also can be made online at [cornerstone-pres.org/giving](http://cornerstone-pres.org/giving), in the offering baskets located throughout the building, or text to give 77977 then add CPCHSV in message area.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

*“The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus: Knowing God*

*John 17:25-26*

*p. 903*

## Song of Response

### The 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.

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## Benediction

### Knowing You

*All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless, now compared to this.*

*Chorus:*

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, nothing less,  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You Lord.*

*Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours;  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. (Chorus)*

*Oh to know the power of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord  
So with You to live and never die. (Chorus)*

“Knowing You”  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please visit our website at [cornerstonehuntsville.org](http://cornerstonehuntsville.org).

**COVID Protocols:** For the time being, in order for everyone to have the opportunity to worship comfortably, masks are required for the first service. All other times, masks are optional.

**We have a new home!** Cornerstone is in the process of closing on a church facility at 1413 McClung Ave. Stay tuned for more details and ways you can serve with our transition.

**New Member Class Begins Today:** Interested in membership or learning more about Cornerstone? Our new member class begins today and will meet for four weeks during the Sunday School hour in room 107.

**Ladies Prayer Time** - Join us tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the church for a time of prayer. Prayer requests may be sent to Elena Lewis at [bruce.lewis.family@juno.com](mailto:bruce.lewis.family@juno.com).

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** As families are returning to church, volunteers are needed in the nursery. Please email [cmwendorf@yahoo.com](mailto:cmwendorf@yahoo.com) to be placed on the new schedule starting today.

**Save The Date!** VBS Olympian 2021 - June 7-10, 2021. Follow Joshua, the great Bible Champion and be challenged to put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. To volunteer contact [paige@cornerstone-pres.org](mailto:paige@cornerstone-pres.org).

**Summer Missions Opportunity:** Join us June 20-25th at Joni & Friends Family Retreat in Nauvoo, AL. The cost is \$310 (FREE if under 5) to attend, and there are opportunities to serve for every age! Contact [taylor@cornerstone-pres.org](mailto:taylor@cornerstone-pres.org) for more information.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pray for church members caring for family** - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Sydney Bush, Bryan Gassaway, Gail Kimrey, Matthew Lawrence, Rick McCann, Alan Patterson, Randy Petcher, and Bill /JoAnn Sneed.

**Pray for healing** - Rachel Junen, Riley Patterson, Earl Ricks and those sick with COVID-19.

**Pray for our nursing home residents** - Ruby Petcher & Marcy Renegar.

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Blakely Jones (June), Melanie Bray (August) and Sarah Robins Powell (August).

Pray for all the logistics and plans with relocating to our new church home.

**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - Young Business Leaders of Huntsville (Bob Boerner /Nathan Eldridge), Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Florence, AL (Scott Barber)

**The Lord's Day  
May 2, 2021**