

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Covenant Faithfulness | Acts 14:8-18

Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed (TH, 846)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Hymn 56 | When All Your Mercies, O My God

Offertory Prayer

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 5:43-48

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Heavenly Love of Kingdom Disciples

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 597 | Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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THE HEAVENLY LOVE OF KINGDOM DISCIPLES

Matthew 5:43-48

I. Reflect the impartial love of heaven.

II. Reject the partial love of the world.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Does God command us to hate our enemies in the Bible? Where did the religious leaders get this idea from?
2. Rather than hating our enemies, what does Christ call us to in v. 44? What does it mean to love? How is prayer one of the greatest demonstrations of love?
3. How do we reflect God by loving our enemies? Isn't God wrathful toward His enemies?
4. What is God's common grace? How is it demonstrated in sunshine and rain? In what other ways is it demonstrated in our world?
5. Read Psalm 139:21-22. Is Jesus teaching that we can no longer sing these words? Why, or why not?
6. How is God's love different from the world's love? Who alone can enable us to love in this kind of impartial and unconditional way?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How can God simultaneously love and hate His rebellious and unrepentant image-bearers? Why must we hold both of these truths in tension?
2. What does it look like for me to reflect God in my disposition toward those who are against me? How is that different from the Pharisees?
3. Do I love people impartially? When people harm me, does my heart lovingly seek their good, leading me to pray for them?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 21, 2023 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 145:1-9

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

***Hymn 17** | Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him