

***Prayer of Invocation**

O Judge of all the earth, we approach your heavenly throne by faith in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is only through His mediation as our perfect Priest and Sacrifice that unrighteous people like us can dwell in your presence without being consumed. We praise you for providing us with a righteous Mediator to bear away our unrighteousness. Strengthen our faith in Him so that our worship might be acceptable to you. Fill us with all the fullness of Christ's Spirit so that we might approach you in reverence and awe. We join the hosts of heaven this day to give you glory as your new covenant people. Inhabit our praises and prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***Hymn 62 | Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise (vv. 1, 4-6)**

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Malachi 2:17-3:5

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:9-2:2

***Hymn 500 | Rock of Ages**

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

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

Hymn 605 | All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 97

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Our Just God

Prayer of Application

***New Songs 1 | Before the Throne of God Above**

***Confession of Faith | Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 50:6; 92:15**

Pastor: For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

People: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Pastor: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

People: The LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

***God's Benediction**

***Hymn 733 | Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

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

NURSERY

We believe God covenants with households, and so we encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families who are interested, a staffed nursery is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. Please ask the usher for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Following the morning service, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 4+ at 11:45am. Please ask the usher for more information.

EVENING WORSHIP

You are warmly welcome to join us at 6:00pm as we assemble again to close out the Lord's Day in public worship!

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OUR JUST GOD

Psalm 97

I. Exult in God for His *perfect* justice (vv. 1-2).

II. Exult in God for His *penal* justice (vv. 3-9).

III. Exult in God for His *paternal* justice (vv. 10-12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Have you ever met anyone who didn't have deep convictions about the right-ness or wrong-ness of certain beliefs and behavior? How does the world try to explain the inescapable moral intuitions of human beings? How does Christianity alone provide a satisfying explanation for this?
2. Is God's justice bad news or good news? Both?
3. Pastor Nick distinguished between penal justice and paternal justice. Can you explain the difference between the two? Where do you see them in Psalm 97?
4. How can God forgive our sin and reckon unrighteous people to be righteous without violating His justice?
5. What are some of the idols of our day? Why don't we need to be afraid of them as Christians?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to view God's justice as a negative or a positive reality? Why?
2. How does a rejection of God's justice equal a rejection of the gospel itself?
3. Am I personally acquainted with the God who is both just and the justifier of sinners?



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

August 27, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Hebrews 12:22-29

Pastor: You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

People: See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

Pastor: At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

People: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

***God's Greeting** | Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.