

**\*Prayer of Invocation** | Arthur Dent

Lord Jesus, we humbly ask that you would look down from heaven in great mercy upon us, your people. Be favorable to Zion, and build up the walls of Jerusalem. Bless us with your grace, guide us with your Spirit, and defend us always with your mighty power. Scatter, confound, and overthrow any forces that fight against your church for the sake of your great name. Amen.

**\*Hymn 295** | Crown Him with Many Crowns

## GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

**God's Call to Confession** | Romans 3:9-18

Pastor: What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

**People: None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.**

Pastor: Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.

**People: Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.**

Pastor: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God's Assurance of Pardon** | Romans 3:21-24

**Confession of Faith** | Westminster Shorter Catechism 33

Pastor: What is justification?

**All: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

**\*Hymn 461** | Not What My Hands Have Done (vv. 1, 3, 5)

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**Prayer of Intercession**

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

Hymn 331 | Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Prayer of Dedication

**God's Call Through Preaching**

Scripture Reading | Psalm 14

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Contra Mundum

Prayer of Application

**\*New Songs 12** | All I Have Is Christ

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

**\*God's Benediction**

**\*Hymn 731** | Doxology

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

## 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!*

# CONTRA MUNDUM

*Psalm 14*

I. Christ's followers are *persecuted* by the world (vv. 1-4).

II. Christ's followers are *protected* from the world (vv. 5-7).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does the Latin phrase *contra mundum* mean? Why must we be against the world?
2. What does the Bible mean when it calls someone a fool? What does the fool do in his or her heart?
3. What does David see as he looks out at the world? What does God see?
4. Why would God want us to sing about the universal depravity of humanity?
5. Though God's people are persecuted by the world, why shouldn't they be afraid? Why should the world be afraid?
6. Where does Psalm 14 encourage us to look for salvation? Now that Jesus is risen where is Zion?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does the worldview of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) differ from the worldview of Scripture?
2. How is being against the world actually the only way to save the world?
3. Is the fear of God in Christ liberating me from the fear of man and giving me hope for the future even in the midst of suffering?



*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

September 3, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**\*God's Call to Worship** | Revelation 19:11-16; Psalm 2:11-12

Pastor: Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**People: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

**\*God's Greeting** | 1 Peter 1:1-2

To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.