

***God's Greeting** | 1 Peter 1b-3

Pastor: 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.

People: 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.

***Hymn 55** | To God Be the Glory

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | James 1:2-15

Prayer of Confession | From Prone to Wander

Guiding Father, forgive us for our lack of faith. In moments of suffering, we have looked for wisdom from this world, comforting ourselves with man-made schemes to deal with our suffering or escaping into addictive patterns of numbing behavior. Our vision for what you are doing in our lives in the midst of suffering is blindingly clouded by fear and anger, and we have consistently settled for our own limited, self-centered vision as the final word of truth. Yet the Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his selfish, wandering sheep. What vast, free, abounding grace! Spirit of God, bind our wandering hearts to you as we walk through the paths that you have ordained for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:1-5

***Hymn 689** | Be Still, My Soul

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Our Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 616** | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Exodus 13:17-14:14

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Route We'd Never Choose

Prayer of Application

GOD BANQUETS WITH US

God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explaining the Meal

Partaking of the Meal

Diaconal Offering

***New Songs 5** | Wonderful Merciful Savior

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

***God's Benediction**

***Hymn 731** | Doxology

*Please stand, if you are able

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 or scan the QR code 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.

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!

THE ROUTE WE'D NEVER CHOOSE

Exodus 13:17-14:14

I. Yahweh leads on an *extended* route to *prevent* a fight (13:17-22).

II. Yahweh leads on an *exposed* route to *promote* a fight (14:1-14).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why didn't God lead Israel on the quickest route from Egypt to Canaan?
2. What did Moses carry with him out of Egypt? Why?
3. Why did God tell Israel to make a U-turn when they were so close to the boarder of Egypt?
4. What caused Israel to fear? What did they need to do to be delivered from their fear? What does this story teach us about our own fears and anxieties?
5. What is complaining? How do we see it in Israel? Why is it such a serious sin? If it is so serious, why do we tend to treat it so lightly?
6. Who is the director, script writer, and lead actor in Israel's story? Where do we see Him carrying out each role in this account? What does this teach us about our own lives?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Consider the history of redemption recorded in the Bible. How does the unfolding of God's saving promise help me to think about efficiency and effectiveness?
2. How is the cross of Christ the ultimate demonstration of God's ways being higher than ours? How does it encourage me to rest in His faithfulness even when I can't understand why He is leading me as He is?
3. How might I use this biblical account and this sermon to encourage a suffering believer or to evangelize a suffering unbeliever?



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

March 30, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 106:1-12, 47-48

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times?

People: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

Pastor: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

People: Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

Pastor: So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

People: Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!