

**\*God's Greeting | 1 Peter 1:1-3**

Pastor: To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, and 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 110 | Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah**

**GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT**

**God's Call to Confession | Deuteronomy 6:1-25**

**\*Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 46**

Pastor: What is required in the first commandment?

**People: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.**

**Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart. Praise has often been praiseless sound. My best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, though my sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them. Though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, your righteousness exalts me to your throne. All things in me call for my rejection; all things in you plead my acceptance. Grant me to hear your voice assuring me: that by your stripes I am healed, that you were bruised for my iniquities, that you have been sin for me that I might be righteous in you, that my grievous sins, my manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Keep me always clinging to your cross. Open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied, through my wilderness of life. Amen.

**God's Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 9:13-14**

**\*Hymn 305 | Arise, My Soul, Arise**

**GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF**

**Prayer of Intercession**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 338 | Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vv. 1, 3, 5)**

**God's Call Through Preaching**

**Scripture Reading | Exodus 20:22-26**

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Proclamation | Worship By the Word**

**Prayer of Application**

**\*New Songs 13 | Romans Doxology**

**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. Learn more about us at [cornerstone-opc.org](https://cornerstone-opc.org).*

**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.*

## WORSHIP BY THE WORD

*Exodus 20:22-26*

I. *Adore* God according to His word alone (vv. 22-23).

II. *Approach* God according to His word alone (vv. 24-26).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What lesson do we learn from the structure of the book of the covenant, particularly how it begins and ends with ceremonial laws focused on the worship of God?
2. Pastor Nick said that we see God by hearing. What did he mean? Why does this matter?
3. Why is it necessarily idolatrous to try to depict God by way of picture or statue?
4. Though Israel couldn't make an idol, why was it okay for them to make an altar? What were altars for? Do we still make altars today?
5. What did God promise to those who approached Him through the altar by way of blood sacrifice?
6. What lessons can we learn from God's prohibitions against Israel using tools to cut the rocks for the altar and climbing stairs to the altar? How do these call us to worship God according to the divine word, not the depraved world?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why is "cultural Christianity" problematic? How might I help an unbelieving friend to see that using this text?
2. Reflect on B. B. Warfield's statement: "Life close to God's word is life close to God." How has that proven true in my own experience?
3. How do the prohibitions in vv. 25-26 apply to my worship of God as a new covenant believer? What specific errors do I need to watch against?



*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 17, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**\*God's Call to Worship** | Isaiah 40:9-11, 18-20, 28-31

Pastor: Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**People: To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.**

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.