

***Hymn 243** | Praise the Savior Now and Ever

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Philemon 8-20

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Titus 3:3-6

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

***Confession of Faith** | Heidelberg Catechism 34

Pastor: Why do you call Jesus "our Lord"?

People: Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

***Hymn 486** | God, Be Merciful to Me (vv. 1-5)

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 589** | Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God (vv. 1-4)

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Exodus 21:1-11

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The End of Slavery As We Know It

Prayer of Application

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

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.

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!

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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THE END OF SLAVERY AS WE KNOW IT

Exodus 21:1-11

Knowing the exodus God delivers us from exploiting the least.

I. Slavery in Israel must not be *coerced*.

II. Slavery in Israel must not be *continual*.

III. Slavery in Israel must not be *cruel*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the history of slavery in our nation, and how does it differ from the slavery God speaks of in our text?
2. Why did God begin Israel's constitution with slavery?
3. What does the Hebrew word for "slave" in our text typically refer to? Why is this important to understand?
4. How did the sabbath apply to slavery? What was the significance of this?
5. Why did God give these laws concerning slavery? What was He seeking to prevent? What was He seeking to promote?
6. How did Israel's experience of the exodus relate to slavery? How ought it to have changed their approach to slavery?
7. Given that the civil sphere is now distinct from the church sphere, how does the general justice of these case laws apply today to both the state and the church?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What typically comes into my mind when I think of slavery, and how does that impact my reading of passages like Exodus 21? Why is it important to understand this text in its own historical context?
2. How would I respond to an unbeliever who quotes this text to argue that the God of the Bible is a cruel supporter of human exploitation?
3. Is the gospel transforming the way I relate to others, particularly the weak and vulnerable?



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 24, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 40:1-8

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

Pastor: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

*God's Greeting | Ephesians 1:1b-4

Pastor: To the saints who are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.