

**\*Hymn 48** | O Lord Most High, with All My Heart (vv. 1, 3, 4)

## GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

**God's Call to Confession** | Romans 6:1-14

**Prayer of Confession** | The Valley of Vision

Eternal Father, my lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate its precepts. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance. Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

**God's Assurance of Pardon** | Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**Sacrament of Baptism** | Luke Samuel Barr

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

**Tithes & Offerings** | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn 600** | He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

**God's Call Through Preaching**

**Scripture Reading** | Exodus 22:16-31

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Proclamation** | Social Justice in an Unjust World: Part One

**Prayer of Application**

**\*Hymn 334** | Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

*Following Sunday school, we will enjoy an extended time of fellowship over food next door in the fellowship hall. Visitors are warmly welcome!*

### 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!*

# SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AN UNJUST WORLD: PART ONE

*Exodus 22:16-31*

*God's exodus people must not be conformed to this world, but be transformed unto love.*

## I. *Horizontally love your vulnerable neighbor* (vv. 16-17, 21-27).

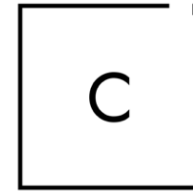
## II. *Vertically love your venerable God* (vv. 18-20, 28-31).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is social justice? Why does it matter how we define it?
2. What are the different categories of vulnerable people that God's law to Israel protected? Who are some of the most vulnerable in our society today?
3. Which comes first—marriage or sex? What does God teach us about this in the case law in vv. 16-17?
4. Who is God referring to when He speaks of "sojourners" in v. 21? How do sojourners relate to widows and orphans, and how are God's people to treat them?
5. Why isn't Israel to charge interest in their loans to each other? Does this mean it is always wrong to charge interest on a loan, or that we should only take out interest-free loans?
6. What does God teach us about Himself in these laws, and how exactly does He call His people to reflect His character?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is the difference between the social justice propagated by the world and that propagated by the Scriptures?
2. How does the compassion of God toward me in the gospel inform how I should relate to the vulnerable and respond to their needs?
3. Have I been surprised how relevant these Old Testament case laws are to my modern western context? Why, or why not?



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*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 21, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 97

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.

**People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

Pastor: All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!

**People: Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**

Pastor: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

#### \*God's Greeting | 1 Peter 1:1b-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.**