

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

Offertory Prayer

*New Songs 10 | Nearer, Still Nearer

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Judges 1:21-2:5

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | It's All Downhill from Here

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 486 | God, Be Merciful to Me (vv. 1-4)

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Please stand, if you are able.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME



We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! 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 welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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IT'S ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE

Judges 1:21-2:5

A faithful start is no guarantee of a faithful finish.

I. God's seed *tolerates* the serpent's seed (1:21-30).

II. The serpent's seed *dominates* God's seed (1:31-2:5).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How did the conquest of Canaan begin under Joshua? Is a good start a guarantee of a good finish? Why, or why not?
2. Read Exodus 23:31-33. How does this help us understand what is happening in the second half of Judges 1?
3. When the tribes of Joseph make a pact with a Canaanite in vv. 22-26 are they doing a commendable, wise, and God-honoring thing? How do we know?
4. How does the relationship of the Israelites to the Canaanites get progressively worse as the chapter unfolds? What does this teach us about the nature of spiritual compromise?
5. Who is the angel of the Lord? What is His message to Israel?
6. How does Israel respond to the message from God? Is this a sign that Israel is truly repentant?
7. How does part one of the prologue to Judges point us to Jesus and call us to trust and obey Him?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Can I think of examples of Christians who started well but didn't end well?
2. Why is strength and self-confidence so dangerous? How did it lead to Israel's downfall, and how can it lead to mine?
3. What lessons can I draw from Judges 1 to keep me from finishing poorly as I run the race of faith?



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 9, 2026 PM

Trinity Hymnal Favorites

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 98

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Deuteronomy 7

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed (TH, 845)