

***God's Greeting | Jude 1b-2**

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

***Hymn 79 | My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Job 1:6-22

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 40:1-2; Psalm 103:11-13

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

***Hymn 197 | Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Our Presentation of Tithes & Offering | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 424 | Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Mercy of Misery

Prayer of Application

GOD BANQUETS WITH US

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

Explanation of the Meal

Praying and Partaking of the Meal

***New Songs 19 | Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call**

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. A staffed nursery which can also be utilized as a cry room is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. There is a separate nursing room available as well. 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!

SHOULD I PARTAKE?

If you are visiting with us, you may be wondering whether you should partake of the Lord's Supper. In light of the teaching of Scripture, we warmly welcome you to the Table if you can affirm the following: you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation, you are repenting of sin and seeking to live for God, and you are a baptized, professing member of a gospel-preaching church. If you cannot affirm these things or are unsure, we ask that you refrain from partaking. Our pastor and elders would be glad to speak with you about these matters!

THE MERCY OF MISERY

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Suffering is unto savoring and sharing the comfort of the gospel God.

I. Our pains call for Godward *praise* (vv. 3-6a, 8-10).

II. Our pains call for Godward *partnership* (vv. 6b-7, 11).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Do you agree with Helmut Thielicke about American Christianity's greatest defect? Why, or why not?
2. What is surprising about the way Paul begins his letter after the opening greeting? What does it mean to bless God?
3. Can you define mercy and comfort? How do each relate to suffering? Could we really understand or experience either of them without suffering?
4. How can misery equip someone for ministry? How is this contrary to the thinking of Paul's opponents and to the way we often think?
5. How does Paul use his weakness to draw the Corinthians closer to him?
6. What challenged or convicted you in Paul's teaching on suffering?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Has this text exposed an inadequate view of suffering in me? If so, how exactly?
2. Do I tend to turn in on myself when suffering? How does this totally miss God's gracious purpose in my trials?
3. Do I count it a privilege to share in Christ's sufferings, and do I pray for His power to be manifest through His weak and needy people?



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 30, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, and Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 22:1-8, 22-28

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

People: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.