

***Hymn 71** | Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Judges 6:1-40

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | "Courage, Dear Heart!"

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 75** | O Father, You Are Sovereign

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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"COURAGE, DEAR HEART!"

Judges 6:1-40

The all-sufficient God speaks courage to our fears.

I. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *presence* (vv. 1-16).

II. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *peace* (vv. 17-32).

III. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *power* (vv. 33-40).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Is courage the absence of fear? Why, or why not?
2. Why did God raise up the Midianites against Israel? How specifically did the Midianites oppress Israel?
3. Who did God send to Israel in response to their cries before raising up a deliverer? Why?
4. Who is the angel of the Lord? What did He call Gideon to, and how did Gideon respond?
5. Why was it necessary for Gideon to war against the idols in Israel before warring against the Midianites? How did this require courage, and how did God give it?
6. Should we lay a fleece out before God and put Him to the test like Gideon did? How should this account of the fleece of wool encourage us?
7. Why do we need courage just like Gideon did? How do we cultivate it, steering clear of cowardice and recklessness?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What do I think about Aristotle's view of courage as the virtuous middle between the vices of cowardice and recklessness? What does the Bible have to say about this?
2. Can I list the parallels between Judges 6 and Exodus 3-4? Why are these parallels important to see?
3. Do I struggle with fear in following and standing for the Lord? If so, why, and how does this narrative serve to encourage and embolden me?



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

October 11, 2026 PM

Trinity Hymnal Favorites

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Exodus 3:1-21

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

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

Offertory Prayer