Prayer of Confession | Joseph Alleine

Lord, if you have given us Christ, will you not also with him provide everything we need? Have you given us the fountain, but deny us the stream? When we beg for pardon of sin, when we beg for power against sin, when we beg for holiness–is all this not granted us in your gift of Christ? If Christ is ours, is not his blood also ours to secure our pardon? Or his Spirit ours to put down our sins? Come, then, and pardon. Come and convert. Come and teach. Come and sanctify. Come and save us. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Philippians 3:7-9

Pastor: But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

People: Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Pastor: For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 60

Pastor: How are you righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

***Hymn 501** | Just As I Am, without One Plea (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

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 108** | Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 42

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Hope for the Troubled Soul

Prayer of Application

***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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 3+ at 11:45am. Please ask the usher for more information.

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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HOPE FOR THE TROUBLED SOUL

Psalm 42

The troubled soul is kept from despair by actively turning to God.

I. Hope despite your *distance* from God (vv. 1-5).

II. Hope despite your *distress* from God (vv. 6-11).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is depression and anxiety? Can faithful followers of Jesus struggle with these things?
2. Who were the sons of Korah? Why is this son of Korah lamenting?
3. If God is with the psalmist, why is he so desirous to appear before God? How does this apply to us under the new covenant?
4. What does it mean to pour out our souls (v. 4)? How does this take us to the heart of true prayer and deliver us from cold and formulaic approaches to God?
5. Lloyd-Jones said we should talk to ourselves instead of listening to ourselves. What did he mean? How does the psalmist do this?
6. How is this song ultimately Jesus's? Where does He allude to it during His ministry?
7. What is hope, and why can we have it in the midst of life's troubles?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I struggle with depression or anxiety? If so, what are the causes, and how is this song a comfort and help?
2. Why do we often seek a quick fix in our troubles? Why is God often slow to "fix" us and our circumstances? How is that helpfully demonstrated in Psalm 42?
3. Is my default to listen to myself or to talk to myself? How could I grow in preaching to my own soul like the psalmist does?

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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

November 1, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 63:1-4

Pastor: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Pastor: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

***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 662** | As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Philippians 4:4-9