

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

March 30, 2025 11:00 a.m.

GREETING

Rev. Bill Hawkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE WELCOME OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG

“Your Royal Blood”

*PRAISE SONGS

“May the Peoples Praise You”

“Soar”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Randy Mounce, Lay Leader

Almighty God, with whom no event goes unnoticed, no turning of the heart undetected, and no falling sparrow hidden from your watchful eye, we praise you as we confess to you. For even at our worst we know ourselves upheld by a love we often spurn and overturn again and again by a spirit we frequently resist. Reshape our spirits yet again in wanting to serve rather than be served, and to take last place if in the last place we will love you more. Uphold us all in our weaker moments in the sure confidence that your hand is not too short to save, nor your ear too dull to hear. Let your love so possess us that whatever we do in word or deed we may do so in your strength and mindful of your glory.

(time of silent confession)

RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Leader: What God is like our God? Who forgives our waywardness.

People: Who does not stay angry forever. Who delights in showing mercy,

Leader: whose compassion treads underfoot our every evil thought,

People: and has hurled our transgressions into the depths of the sea.

Leader: Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chelsea Price

After the Children's message, children are welcome to go to Kid's Church.

*HYMN #293

“This Is My Father's World”

OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lay Leader

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What God is Like”

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Battle Belongs”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carol Abrahamson, Karin Baxter (JoAnn Minor's sister), Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Jean Bullock, Mary Campbell, Sean Cavanaugh (friend of Debby Wells), Jennie Linn Duffie (John Duffie's mother), the Drown family (Deanna Auerbach's family), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), Carol Ennis, George Fowlston, Kent Foerster, Jim Johnston (Mame & Doug Johnston's son), Dan Krautheim (Kathryn Fiebich's father), Rich Laramee, Gladys Livingston (friend of Joann Liss), Robert Lowry, (Carolyn's father), Worth McMains, Norma Miller (friend of Joann Liss), Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Tina Moscone (Rhonda Olds' friend), Paula (friend of Donna Millet), Joe Patak (Diane Bensley's father), Margaret Rapp, Harold Roller, Derek Smith (Janise's husband), Dawn Swartz (Donna Mounce's sister), Cherry Thomas (Aaron Thomas' mother), Ken Walter, Carmela Williams (Debby Well's friend), Marge Wordell, Buddy Young, Viktoriia Zosymova and her hometown in Ukraine, the brave men and women in the US military, the Pastor Nominating Committee.

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out
of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath
retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus
All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise
build lives of grace
To spread Your Word
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus
Holy, holy
Is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy
Is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy
Is the Lord Almighty
All creation
Praise Your glorious Name
May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus
(REPEAT CHORUS)

Soar

Here I remind myself what
You said over me
Here I remind my soul
who You are
You said You won't relent
won't let go won't forget
Every promise You have
whispered to my heart
As I wait As I wait on You
I'm gonna run
and not grow weary
I'm gonna walk
and not grow faint
Rise up on wings
like eagles to soar
I know in everything
You're with me
I know You're
working as I wait
Lift me up on wings like
eagles to soar
This desert holds a song
I will sing on and on
You're a river when the
ground I walk is dry
And You will set the
crooked straight
Clear my path make a way
You will lead me from
the valley to the heights
As I wait As I wait on You
Chorus
Creator Keeper Life-breather
Your name is greater
than anything I face
Sustainer Savior
Stronghold breaker
Your name is greater
than anything I face
As I wait As I wait on You
I will wait God
I will wait on You
Chorus

This Is My Father's World

This is my
Father's world
And to my
listening ears
All nature sings and
round me rings
The music
of the spheres
This is my
Father's world
I rest me
in the thought
Of rocks and trees of
skies and seas
His hand the
wonders wrought
This is my
Father's world
Oh let me ne'er forget
That though the
wrong seems
oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my
Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died
shall be satisfied
And earth and
heaven be one
This is my
Father's world
The birds their
carols raise
The morning light
the lily white
Declare their
Maker's praise
This is my
Father's world
He shines in
all that's fair
In the rustling grass I
hear Him pass
He speaks to me
everywhere

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see
is a mountain
You see a
mountain moved
And as I walk
through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing
to fear now
For I am safe with You
So when I fight
I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle
belongs to You
And every fear
I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle
belongs to You
And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see
are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
You see the empty tomb
Chorus
Almighty Fortress
You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
Repeat
Chorus
O God the battle
belongs to You