

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

September 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

SONG

Gathering Song – “A Thousand Hallelujahs”

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

*SING

11:00 – “New Creation “ & “King of Love”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you are always helping us to grow through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we think we can grow all on our own. Sometimes we think that growth looks like power rather than love. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith so that we are more loving, more kind, and more just, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

God is the soil for our growth, and God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY INTERRUPTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 Only)

SING

11:00 Hymn #722 – “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:1–8 & Matthew 20:1–6

SERMON

“Kingdom of Heaven Looks Like Grace” – Matt Cooper

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(Online donations can be made at CornerstoneCary.org use the “Give Now” button)

***DOXOLOGY** - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SING

11:00 Song of Response – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

IN OUR PRAYERS

Church Family

Carol Abrahamson, Mary Campbell, Carol Ennis, Pat Hajian, Wes Hilliard, John Kennedy, Carey McMains, Worth McMains, Harold Roller, Tatyana Sherer, Judy Studer, Coralyn Summers, Buddy Young

Friends of Cornerstone

Karin Baxter (JoAnn Wagner's sister), Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Bruce Crofoot (Carey McMains's neighbor), John Duffie Jr. (John Duffie's father), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), Ken Kennedy (Kevin Kennedy's brother), Deborah Kuhn, Gene Logan (JoAnn Wagner's brother), Austin Luce (family to the Johnston's), Dudley Matthews (Carey McMains's brother), Mazen (Jeff Grizer's cousin), Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Paula (friend of Donna Millet). The brave men and women in the US military, especially active duty troops with the 82nd airborne division.

New Creation

I thought I knew what
I was talking about
When I testified of
Your great love
Well I was a soul on fire
There was no doubt
Bible believing saved and
Washed in the blood

And now I know
What you were talking
about, Went from my
head into my heart
When I was broken at the
Bottom I found
You're my healer and
redeemer Jesus that's
who you are

Pre Chorus: But it
wasn't until I stumbled
And made my mistakes
That I could know in my
soul How amazing was
grace

Chorus: You brought me
blessings
Out of a tragedy
You turned my old song
Into a symphony
And with your spirit
Living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation

And with your spirit
living inside
of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation

King of Love

The king of love my
Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth
never I nothing lack if I am
His, and He is mine
forever, and He is mine
forever

Where streams of living
water flow, My ransomed
soul He leadeth And where
the verdant Pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Lost and foolish off I
strayed, but yet in love He
sought me, and on His
shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing
brought me

In death's dark veil I fear
no ill, With Thee dear Lord
beside me
Thy rod and staff my
comfort still, Thy cross
before to guide me

Chorus: Never failing
Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my
soul, On the mountain
high, Or in the valley low
The King of Love my
Shepherd is, The King of
Love my Shepherd is

And so through all the
length of days Thy
goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing
Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord speak to me that I
may speak
In living echoes of Thy
tone As Thou hast
sought so let me seek
Thine erring children
lost and lone

O lead me Lord that I
may lead
The wandering and the
wavering feet
O feed me Lord that I
may feed
The hungering ones
with manna sweet

O teach me Lord that I
may teach
The precious things
Thou dost impart
And wing my words
that they may reach
The hidden depths of
many a heart

O fill me with Thy
fullness Lord
Until my very heart o'er
flow
In kindling thought and
glowing word
Thy love to tell, Thy
praise to show

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how
sweet the
Sound that saved a
wretch like me I once
was lost but now I'm
found, Was blind but
now I see

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear and
grace my fears relieved
How precious did that
grace appear, The hour I
first believed

The Lord has promised
good to, Me, His word my
hope secures, He will my
shield and portion be, As
long as life endures

The earth shall soon
dissolve like
Snow, The sun forbear to
shine, But God who
called me here
Below, Will be forever
mine

Chorus: My chains are
gone I've been set
Free, My God my Savior
has ransomed
Me, And like a flood His
mercy reigns, Unending
love amazing grace

Will be forever mine
You are forever mine