



Welcome to Cornerstone!

Combined Worship Service

October 4, 2020 at 10 AM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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**Gathering Music "Who Am I," "This is Amazing Grace"**

**Call to Prayer**

**David LaCross**

Listen to these words from Psalm 91: "Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation."

**Ringling of the Harmony Bell**

**Word of Welcome! "God is Good! All the Time!" Reverend Pruner**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** God's Word has been lived among us! We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**P:** Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation. We gather before the One who is heir to all things.

**L:** Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors. Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

**P:** Who are we that God is mindful of us? Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

**L:** Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters. We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

**P:** The realm of God is for all people. God's dominion is over all creation.

**Hymn 525 "Here I Am, Lord" vs 1 & 2**

**Doreen Laskiewicz**

**Call to Confession**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we do. Too often we find our focus on rising above others rather than reaching out with helping hands. We want to live as brothers and sisters of Christ yet in our hectic busyness we turn from the way of love. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. Forgive us and reclaim us as your children. Amen.

**Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness**

**Announcements**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Regular Worship  
Schedule:**

**Saturdays 5 PM &  
Sundays 10 AM**

**Watch our Worship  
service on Facebook on  
Sundays at 10 AM:**

[https://  
www.facebook.com/  
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**Praise Song "My Life is in You, Lord"**

Old Testament Scripture: [Psalm 122](#)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: [John 15:1-11](#)

Sermon "News About Vines and Branches!"

Sacrament of World Communion

World Communion Prayer

David LaCross

New Testament

Reverend Pruner

Elizabeth Hughes

L In the midst of uncertain times, it is a good and right thing to remind ourselves not just of what could be but of what will be.

**P We worship the God who created time, and whose promises stand firm forever.**

L The Scriptures tell us that God's eternal Kingdom will contain "a great crowd that no one could number. They [are] from every nation, tribe, people, and language." (Revelation 7:9, CEB)

**P We worship the God who created every nation, tribe, people, and language out of love. And so God's promise of grace is offered to all.**

L Following his death and resurrection, which we remember and celebrate through the practice of communion, and in his final words to us on earth, Jesus commissioned us to "go and make disciples of all nations."

**P We worship the God who calls us from the sidelines and invites us into the work of the Kingdom. One of God's blessings is the opportunity to join in the fulfilling of God's promises.**

L As we break the bread and drink from the cup today, remind us that we do not do so in isolation. We are part of a universal and diverse Church that crosses every line the world uses to divide us.

**P We worship the God who is preparing for us a great heavenly banquet where one day we will all feast together. May our faith in God's promises inspire us to build bridges in our community, our country, and across the world. Amen.**

**Hymn 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ," vs 1,2**

Benediction

Reverend Pruner

*Following the Benediction we ask you to join us outside for a time of fellowship with coffee and refreshments!*

**Sunday Worship Leader(s):**

David LaCross

Elizabeth Hughes

**Our Thanks to our Elders as Members of our Session**

2020: Vikki Leach, Allyson Moyer, Denise Mudalel, Ray Schleckser

2021: Megan LaFontaine, Mike Pushko, Laura Stone

2022: Jim Foster, Deborah LaCross, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

**Our Board of Deacons – thank you for your service!**

2020: Lisa Capurso, Kathe Morrison

2021: Gail Carlson, Diane DeLuca

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.