

**LORD'S DAY**  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for  
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make  
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Glorious Lord,  
it is the passion of our lives to worship you,  
the crown and glory of our souls to adore you.  
Enable us by your Spirit to do so now,  
that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life  
as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness.  
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-4

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 26*

*TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD*

# Jehovah Reigns; Let Earth Be Glad

words from Psalm 97  
music, Eileen Davis 2006

1. Je - ho - vah reigns; let earth be glad, and  
 2. Con - sum - ing fire de - stroys his foes, a -  
 3. The heav'ns his right - eous - ness pro - claim, through  
 4. Your church re - joic - es to be - hold your  
 5. All you that tru - ly love the Lord, hate  
 6. For good men light and joy are sown to

all the isles their joy make known; with clouds and dark - ness  
 round the world his light - nings blaze; the trem - bling earth his  
 earth his glo - ry shines a - broad; from i - dol wor - ship  
 judg - ments in the earth, O Lord; your glo - ry to the  
 sin, for he is just and pure; to saints his help he  
 bless them in the har - vest - time; O saints, your joy in

he is clad, on truth and jus - tice rests his throne.  
 pres - ence knows, his moun - tains melt be - fore his gaze.  
 turn with shame and bow be - fore the liv - ing God.  
 world un - fold, su - preme o'er all you are a - dored.  
 will ac - cord and keep them in his love se - cure.  
 God make known and ev - er praise his name sub - lime.

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face,  
awed by your majesty, greatness and glory,  
encouraged by your steadfast love.

Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts,  
a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you.  
Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.

Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within;  
in every thought, word, and deed.

Give us a faith that purifies the heart,  
overcomes the world,  
works by love,  
fastens us to you,  
and always clings to the cross;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 2.1-2

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 302*

*COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

## **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 62.8-63.14

**Sermon**

“Wrath and Steadfast Love”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 94*

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

**Worship of God with Tithes and Offering**

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

**Confession of Faith**

What is adoption?

**Adoption is an act of the free grace of God,  
in and for His only Son Jesus Christ,  
by which all those who are justified are received into the number of His children,  
have His name put on them,  
the Spirit of His Son given to them,  
are under His Fatherly care and dispensations,  
admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God,  
made heirs of all the promises,  
and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.**

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 74

## —OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT—

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 510*

*THOU HIDDEN SOURCE OF CALM REPOSE*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

O Lord, our never failing Help:  
keep us under your merciful protection,  
and make us always to fear and love your holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Sam Schroeder

*Next Week:* TBA

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter & Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early

## **Sermon Notes: “Wrath and Steadfast Love” (Isaiah 62.8-63.14)**

1. The Lord’s future promise: securing a holy city (62.8-12)
2. A disturbing vision: a bloodied but victorious warrior (63.1-6)
3. The Lord’s past faithfulness: loving a rebellious, undeserving people (63.7-14)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Sanctity of Life:* This Friday marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a decision that has resulted in the death of over 50 million unborn children. Pray this “right” may yet be overturned, that our nation is spared divine judgment, and that those who live with scars and regret find comfort and grace as they turn to God.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

January 18                      Del Klicker

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 6:30 PM, at Pastor Ron’s office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Please pray for them as they do, and be sure to let them know how they can pray for you.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

## **Weekly Gatherings**

*The Leinweber’s Home Fellowship Group* meets at their home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided, children are welcome, and the group is a lot of fun!

*The Men’s Group* meets Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron’s office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Genesis, and all men are invited.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.