

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts this day such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed our every hope and desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5, 15-22

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil, who transgress without end your holy law, and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death. But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that acknowledging our unrighteousness, we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance, and that your Spirit, putting to death sin, may produce in us the fruits of holiness, which are well pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Songs of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Hymn No. 705

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

Congregational Petitions 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 also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Philemon

Sermon

"Slavery and the Bible"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**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 do you believe about the justice and mercy of God in Christ?

We believe that God, who is perfectly merciful and just, sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment for sin by his most bitter passion and death.

God therefore made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

— The Belgic Confession, Article 20

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) 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 admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayer for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Grace Unmeasured

words and music Bob Kauflin
2005 Sovereign Grace Praise
CCLI#2415226



Grace un - mea - sured, vast and free, that knew me from e - ter - ni - ty, that
Grace a - bound - ing, strong and true, that makes me long to be like you, that



called me out be - fore my birth to bring you glo - ry on this earth. Grace a - maz - ing
turns me from my self - ish pride, to love the cross on which you died. Grace un - end - ing



pure and deep, that saw me in my mis - er - y, that took my curse and
all my days, you'll give me strength to run this race. And when my years on



owned my blame, so I could bear your right - eous name. Grace (grace,
earth are through, the praise will all be - long to you.



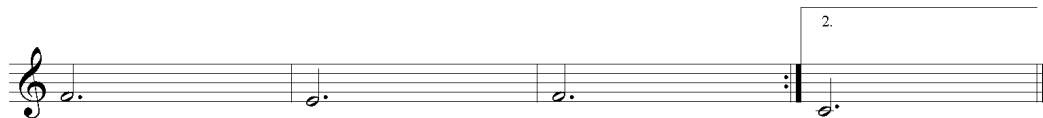
grace) paid for my sins and brought me to life. Grace (grace, grace) clothes me with



pow'r to do what is right. Grace(grace, grace) leads me to heav'n where I'll see your



face, and ne - ver cease to thank you for your grace.



grace.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us the grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Hannah Alden

Sunday School

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Gatherings

The Home Fellowship Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Philemon and all are invited.

Kids' Quest is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Proverbs and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all women are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: “Slavery and the Bible” (Philemon)

Prayer Concerns

The Davises: Pray for Steve and Eileen as they seek to care for Steve's parents and help them make the adjustment to life in Walla Walla.

Our Leaders: Pray for our new president, his administration, and the new congress, that they might know the will of God and have the courage and grace to follow it.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq, that God blesses their work and brings salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

January 18 Del Klicker

Kids' Quest did not meet this past week due to weather. It will meet this Thursday, January 19, instead.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

Sunday School resumes today, immediately following the Coffee Hour.

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

Explanation of Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."