

# 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 98.1-6

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

*Hymn No. 2*

*O WORSHIP THE KING*

## **-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**

2 Corinthians 5.21

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

*Hymn No. 311*

*HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED*

### **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

Isaiah 43.22-44.23

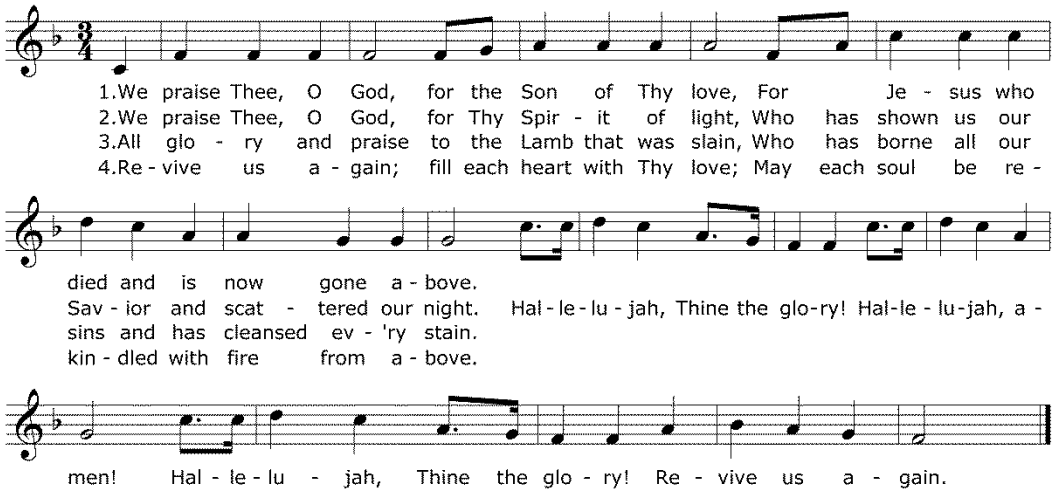
Sermon

“Recovering Our Life”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

\*Song of Response

### Revive Us Again

words William P. Mackay 1863  
music John J. Husband 1815



1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Je - sus who  
2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spir - it of light, Who has shown us our  
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our  
4. Re - vive us a - gain; fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re -

died and is now gone a - bove.  
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah, a -  
sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

men! Hal - le - lu - jah, Thine the glo - ry! Re - vive us a - gain.

### 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 your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong –  
body and soul,  
in life and in death –  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

– The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1

## **-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 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**

*Hymn No. 500*  
*ME*

*ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

**Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, that we might be strengthened  
with power through the Spirit in our inner being,  
that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith –  
that, being rooted and grounded in love,  
we may have strength to comprehend with all the saints  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3.16-19

\*Please stand if able

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**Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Abigail Carpenter & Katie Leinweber

*Next Week:* Nicole Miller

Sunday School

*Today:* None

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early

## **Sermon Notes: “Recovering Our Life” (Isaiah 43.22-44.23)**

1. The Problem: Our Guilty Boredom (43.22-28)
2. The Remedy: God’s Spiritual Refreshment (44.1-5)
3. The Reason: God Alone Is Real (44.6-20)
4. The Result: A Salvation that Overflows (44.21-23)

## Prayer Concerns

*The Carpenters:* Eric, Nelson, and George Carpenter are hiking this weekend. Pray for their safety and for their time together.

*Mike Givens* continues to recover from his broken knee cap. Pray that it completely heals and that Mike knows God's presence and strength as he mends.

*Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and their team as they care for the physical needs of the Yakama people, that God uses them to lead many to new life in Christ.

*The Leinweber Family:* Chad's grandmother, who knew the Lord, died this week at the age of 97. Pray for the family as they gather this weekend, that they are comforted by God's grace and the assurance of eternal life.

## Announcements

*Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:*

October 4	Heidi Leinweber
October 4	Skip and Karen Sippert
October 5	Jonas Riley
October 8	Steve and Dory Milistefr
October 9	Debbie Adamson

*Adult Sunday School* begins today with an abbreviated class (children are welcome to attend). Next week the children's and youth's classes will start.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

## Weekly Gatherings

*The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group* meets at their home (60 Cranbrook Ln) 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 Bible Study* meets on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. They are currently studying Genesis and all men are invited.

### 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."