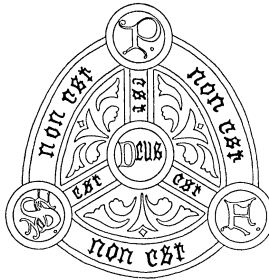


# LORD'S DAY

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to 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**

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
For his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.

**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

**For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

—Psalm 107.1-9

## **Prayer of Adoration**

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

*Hymn No. 4*

*ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE*

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

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

2 Corinthians 8.9

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

*Hymn No. 170*

*FAIREST LORD JESUS*

#### **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**

Galatians 5.13-18

**Sermon**

“Free to Love”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 676*

*DAY BY DAY AND WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT*

**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 is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 42

## -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 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.

### \*Song of Thanksgiving

#### Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

words Martin Luther, 1524  
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854; alt.  
music Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
alt. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es  
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -  
• 3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly  
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in -  
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of



giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from  
tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was  
• gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree, so strong his love! to  
vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and  
heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil



heav - en; there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right  
end - ed; Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed  
• save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death  
lights us. By his grace he does im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine  
leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
up by death, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
• pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er Hal - le - lu - jah!

## **-FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty and gracious Father, grant us a heart to love you, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving ourselves up to your service, and delighting in all things to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Nicole Miller

*Next Week:* Samantha Schroeder

### **Gatherings**

*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 Leinweber Home Fellowship Group*, led by Chad, meets at the Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are invited.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group*, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They are studying Galatians and all are welcome.

*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 Ecclesiastes and all 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: "Free to Love" (Galatians 5.13-18)**

1. A Reminder

2. A Warning

3. An Encouragement

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* preaches his last sermon today at Redeemer PC in Alaska. He and Amy and Katherine are returning to Tacoma, where they will make their home. Pray for their move, for Andrew's continued battle with cancer, and for the church in Soldotna.

*Tom & Melissa Manning*, after twenty-nine years in Jordan, were denied re-entry into the country. They are considering opportunities in Lebanon, Turkey, and northern Iraq, and will make scouting trips to these areas later this Fall. Pray for God's direction as they seek him for the next phase of their ministry.

*Vickie Myers* will have surgery tomorrow in Portland. Pray it goes well, is effective, and that Vickie knows God's presence and strength throughout her recovery.

*Bret Reller* has been redeployed to the Middle East and will be there for six months. Pray for safety for him and his team, and for the success of their mission.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

October 9	Debbie Adamson
October 9	Rick Myers
October 9	Judah Oliver
October 10	Sandy Cupolillo

*Reformation Sunday:* Please join us October 29, as we worship with the saints of Grace URC, Covenant OPC, and the URC of Sunnyside. The service will be hosted by Grace (in Kennewick). We will leave here at 4:30 PM.

*Reformation Night:* Dave and Cami Panther have invited us to an evening of Reformation fun, at their home (877 Whitney Rd), on October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The evening will include a short film about Martin Luther (as told by children), as well as songs and activities meant to help our children understand what began on this day 500 years ago. To learn more and RSVP, see Cami's Facebook page, or email her at [camipanther@gmail.com](mailto:camipanther@gmail.com).

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

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.