

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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, the protector of all who trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy;
that, thou being our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From The Book of Common Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-3

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done?
Or if there is evil that we have not done,
what evil is there that we have not spoken?
Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken,
what evil is there that we have not thought to do?
But you, O Lord, are good.
You are merciful.
You saw how deep we were sunk in death,
and it was your power that drained dry
the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts.
All that you have asked of us
was to deny our own wills and accept yours.
Forgive us for every failure to do so,
and help us to follow you in every way and always;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2.1-2

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 235

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 44.24-45.25

Sermon

“God’s Unexpected Ways”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

*Hymn No. 128

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

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.

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Confession of Faith

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is

**the almighty and ever present power of God
by which he upholds, as with his hand,
heaven
and earth
and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty —
all things, in fact, come to us
not by chance
but from his fatherly hand.**

— The Heidelberg Catechism No. 27

-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. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Sam Schroeder

Sunday School

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Sermon Notes: “God’s Unexpected Ways” (Isaiah 44.24-45.25)

1. God’s Greatness: “I am the LORD, who does all these things (44.24-45.8)
2. Man’s Arrogance: “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him” (45.9-13)
3. God’s Invitation: “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth” (45.14-25)

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens has made a full recovery. Praise God for the healing he has brought and for the strength he continues to give.

The Community of Roseburg: Pray for the families whose loved ones were slain, for those who survived yet bear the scars of the ordeal, and for the entire Roseburg community, that they might know God's grace and comfort during this time.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev, that God strengthens their marriage and family, opens doors of opportunity for the gospel, and that Alister's ministry at the seminary is a blessing to the church in Ukraine and in eastern Europe.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

October 13	Jamie Riley
October 16	Duane and Judie Jud
October 17	Colin Riley

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

Weekly Gatherings

The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group meets at their home (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the 2nd and 4th 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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."