

# 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, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

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

Psalms 100.1-5

### **Prayer of Adoration**

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

*Hymn No. 1*

*ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL*

## **-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*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 301*

*JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES*

**-WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS-**

**Reception of New Members**

Clint and Elizabeth Miller

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Prayer

**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 5.25-6.5

**Sermon**

“Life Together”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 355*

WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE

**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.*

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**Confession of Faith**

What do you believe concerning the Christian’s ability to do good works?

**Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled to do so, besides the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in them to will, and to do, of His good pleasure: yet they are not in this to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless the Spirit specifically moves them; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 16.3

## **-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. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers 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.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

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

*Hymn No. 520*

*JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS*

## **-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.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Collie Parsons

*Next Week:* Jenni Early

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter Early and Anna Oliver

*Next Week:* Peter Early and Anna Oliver

### **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: "Life Together" (Galatians 5.25-6.5)**

1. The Command

2. Obstacles and Antidotes

3. Apostolic Guidance

## Prayer Concerns

*Rev. Andrew & Amy Allen* have returned to Tacoma. Pray for Andrew's ongoing battle with cancer, as well as for the saints in Soldotna, as they seek the Lord for their future.

*Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team, as they reach out to those on the reservation. May their labors of love be met with open hearts, and may they see much fruit as God builds his church among the Yakama People.

*Vickie Myers* is home, recovering from surgery. Pray that she knows God's presence and strength as she convalesces.

*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 & Anniversaries this Week:*

October 22	Howard Reller
October 25	Ron Gonzales
October 27	Jenni Early
October 27	Rick and Vickie Myers

*Christmas Shoebox Ministry* (Samaritan's Purse): One month left until collection time, November 26.

*Reformation Sunday*: Please join us October 29, as we join the saints of Grace URC, Covenant OPC, and the URC of Sunnyside at Grace (in Kennewick) for a 6:00 PM service.

*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. To learn more and RSVP, see Cami's Facebook page, or email her at [camipanther@gmail.com](mailto:camipanther@gmail.com).

*Session Meeting*: The elders are meeting tomorrow evening, at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Please pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

*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 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.