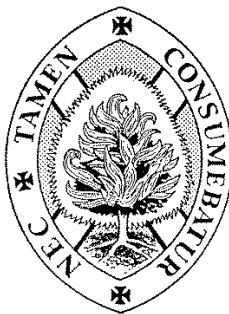


## REFORMATION SUNDAY

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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**

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**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 92*

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

## -HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws,  
and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy on us;  
spare those who confess their faults;  
restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2.4-7

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

*Hymn No. 198*

*LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!*

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

## -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 48.1-22

### Sermon

"For God's Own Sake"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

### \*Song of Response

*Hymn No. 32*

*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS*

### 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 justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace to sinners, in which He pardons all their sin, accepts and accounts them righteous in His sight; not for anything done in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, imputed to them by God and received by faith alone.

— The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 70

## -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.

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

#### **I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

words and music Steve and Vikki Cook  
2001 Sovereign Grace Music CCLI# 2415226



A musical score for the hymn "I Will Glory in My Redeemer". The score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a 'C') and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the vocal line of the first staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The vocal line is as follows:

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, My life he bought, my love he  
I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails, and hung him on that judg - ment  
owns. I have no long - ing for a - no - ther, I'm sat - is - fied in him a -  
wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness, his tri - umphsong I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crush'd the power of sin and  
alone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, his faith - ful - ness, my stand-ing  
sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death. My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge: The  
place. Though foes are might - y and rush u - pon me, my  
gold, and when he calls me it will be par - a - dise, his

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.  
feet are firm held by his grace, my feet are firm held by his grace,  
face for - ev - er to be hold, his face for - ev - er to be hold.

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day,  
may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts,  
that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love,  
to the honor and praise of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Erica Leinweber & Annie Carpenter

*Next Week:* Katie Leinweber & Jack Leinweber

### **Sunday School**

*Today:* Peter & Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early

## **Sermon Notes: “For God’s Own Sake” (Isaiah 48.1-22)**

1. Why does God put up with us? (48.1-11)

2. How does God work with us? (48.12-22)

## Prayer Concerns

*Brian & Gail Frey* (RUF) are half-way through the fall semester at Boise State. Pray for their ministry to the students; that God uses their labors to further his kingdom and strengthen the church.

*Pastor Ron* preaches this evening at Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in Kennewick. Pray that his words are used by the Spirit to encourage and strengthen God's people.

## Announcements

### *Birthdays this Week:*

October 25	Ron Gonzales
October 27	Jenni Early

*Alden-Warinner Wedding:* Seth and Hannah would like to invite you to share in the joy of their special day. Their wedding will be here on Friday, November 27, at 6:30 PM.

*Operation Christmas Child:* Now is the time to be thinking about and collecting treasures to be sent. Judie Jud will bring boxes for us to fill. Completed boxes are due the week of November 16-23. For more information, contact Judie at 540-4253.

*30-Days of Prayer:* Each November, the Presbyterian Church in America calls its churches to join together in prayer for the missionaries serving around the world with MTW, the sending agency of the PCA. Would you join us in doing so? Pamphlets with information and a prayer schedule are on the information table.

*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 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*, which meets on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM at Pastor Ron's office, is on break. It resumes its study of Genesis on November 5. 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."