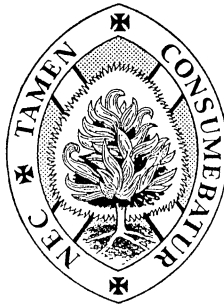


# REFORMATION SUNDAY

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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**

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness:  
Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place;  
make me to be of the company of brave saints  
who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth.  
Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise  
lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that,  
going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Psalm 96.1-4

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Songs of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 454*

*OUR GOD IS MIGHTY, WORTHY OF ALL PRAISING*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—  
our hearts are filled with joy.

By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin  
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.

Salvation is your gift to us.

But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.

We try to complete what is already perfect;

we try to add to what is already full;

we try to earn what we already have.

Forgive us for our foolishness.

Help us to focus on your grace.

Help us to live grateful lives in return.

For Jesus' sake alone. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2.4-7

### **\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 92*

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

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

## **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Colossians 2.16-23

### **Sermon**

“Drinking from the Fountainhead”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

## \*Song of Response

### I Will Glory in My Redeemer

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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 an - o - ther, I'm sat - is - fied in him a -  
wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness, his tri - umph song I'll ev - er  
tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crush'd the power of sin and  
lone. 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 up - on 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.

## 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 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 body, the 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. 693*

*BLESSED ASSURANCE*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us the grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Nicole Miller & Jackson Leinweber

*Next Week:* Samantha Schroeder

#### **Sunday School**

*Today:* Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

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### **Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group* meets on first Tuesdays (at the Carpenter's) and third Tuesdays (at the Davis's) of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Colossians, and all are invited.

*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 Men's Group* is moving to Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, and is beginning a study of Proverbs this week. All men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM, here in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

*The Women's Group* meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Hannah Alden's (601 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St, College Place), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

## **Sermon Notes: "Drinking from the Fountainhead " (Colossians 2.16-23)**

1. A Warning against Legalism (vv. 16-17)
2. A Warning against Mysticism (vv. 18-19)
3. A Warning against Asceticism (vv. 20-23)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Election:* Pray that God is honored in the way his people respond to the results of the upcoming election; that we are both a people who respectfully accept and diligently pray for those whom God gives to lead us.

*Mike Givens* remains at Regency at the Park, recovering from shoulder surgery. Pray that his rehabilitation goes well and that he knows God's presence and strength during his convalescence.

*Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team, as they share the gospel in word and deed with the Yakama people; that many would trust and grow in Christ as their Savior, and that a vital, healthy church would result.

*Diane Hartman* (Robert's daughter) will be undergoing stem cell therapy for ALS the first two weeks in November. Pray that it proves helpful and that she and her family know God's presence and strength.

## **Announcements**

*Time Change:* Daylight Savings Time comes to an end next Saturday night. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed.

*The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry* time is here. Please be thinking about and purchasing small gifts to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in a third-world country. Boxes along with information on content are available downstairs and must be turned in by November 20.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, a time of fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

### **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."