# 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, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant this, O Lord, as each has need. And grant that our worship is a delight to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 117.1-2

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Songs of Praise to God

Hymn No. 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

#### -HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

### Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have offended you: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities. Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults; forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, in keeping with the commandments of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2

\*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 176

HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED 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** 

Colossians 1.24-2.5

Sermon

"Suffering and the Hope of Glory"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

\*Song of Response

Hymn No. 610

"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS," THE SAVIOR SAID

# 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 when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do the because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

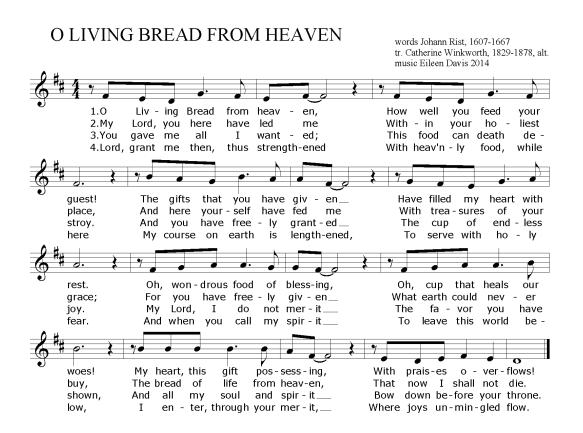
-The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 26

#### -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.

## \*Song of Thanksgiving



#### -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

\*Benediction Numbers 6.24-26

### Postlude and Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, whose only Son followed the way of faith and duty even to the crown of thorns and the cross: Give us your grace that we may learn the harder lessons of our faith. Help us, by your Spirit, to take up our cross and follow our Savior. Enable us to enter into the fellowship of his sufferings, and to come at last to dwell with him in his eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*Please stand if able

## **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

Today: Erika & Katie Leinweber Next Week: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

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# Other 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* resumes its study of Hebrews this Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited!

*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: "Suffering and the Hope of Glory" (Colossians 1.24-2.5)
1. Thy Kingdom Come
2. Thy Will Be Done

### **Prayer Concerns**

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

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev; that God strengthens their marriage, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's ministry at the seminary to build his kingdom in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

#### Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

October 9 Debbie Adamson

*Prayer Meeting*: Beginning this Tuesday, October 11, we will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM, here in the sanctuary, for prayer. Please join us!

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 in downstairs in the fellowship area. Boxes need to 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**

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.