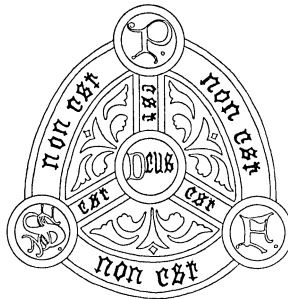


**LORD'S DAY**  
**November 13, 2016**



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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 95.1-7

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

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

*Hymn No. 23*

*GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES*

## -HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

### Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your great Name, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who possess more, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Cleanse us and change our very way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10.45

### \*Song of Praise to Christ

## Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

words Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.  
music Martin F. Shaw, 1935; arr. Eileen Davis 2010

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the song, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name; ring - eth the  
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy; ev - er de -  
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb; take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more give ye to him who our bat - tle hath  
earth with his glo - ry and fame; o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est and  
scend - eth the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was

won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
praise, this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
slain, dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

## Prayers for the Church and the World

### -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

**Scripture Lesson**

Colossians 3.5-14

**Sermon**

“Off and On”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 494*

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

**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**

How do justification and sanctification differ?

**Although sanctification is inseparably joined with justification, they differ in that God, in justification, imputes the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification, his Spirit infuses grace, and the exercise of it; in justification, sin is pardoned; in sanctification, it is subdued; in justification all believers are equally freed from the wrath of God, which is accomplished perfectly in this life, so that they never fall into condemnation; in sanctification it is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.**

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 77

## **-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**

*Hymn No. 503*

*OUT OF MY BONDAGE, SORROW, AND NIGHT*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Merciful Father, fill our hearts with the graces of your Holy Spirit: with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Teach us to love those who hate us and to pray for those who use us, that we may be your children, O God, who makes your sun to shine on the evil and on the good, who sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Erika & Katie Leinweber

*Next Week:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

#### **Sunday School**

*Today:* Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

*Next Week:* Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

### **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* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are currently studying Proverbs and 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 Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

## **Sermon Notes: "Off and On" (Colossians 3.5-14)**

1. The Nature of the Christian Life

2. The Controlling Principle of the Christian Life

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Christian Aid Center* cares for those who are hurting and in need. Pray that God uses its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

*The Election:* Pray for President-elect Trump, and his team, as they prepare for the transition of power; and pray for our nation, that God brings healing to the deep divisions that exist.

*Mike Givens* is home at last, continuing his recovery from surgery. Pray that he knows God's presence and strength, and that he soon has full use of his shoulder.

*Diane Hartman* (Robert's daughter) is undergoing stem cell therapy for ALS. Pray that it proves helpful and that she and her family know God's presence and strength.

*Saphira Torrens* is flying to Northern Ireland (with Alister) this Saturday and will have foot surgery on November 22. Pray that it goes well, that they are soon able to return to Kiev, and for the Lord's watch-care over Sarah and Thaddaeus while they are away.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this week:*

November 17     Kristi Alden

*Christian Aid Dinner:* We are serving dinner tomorrow at the Christian Aid Center. If you would like to help, preparing or serving the meal, please let Barb McLean or Janice Vander Griend know.

*Christmas Caroling & Hayride:* Please join us the evening of December 18 for a caroling party in a horse-drawn wagon. More details to come.

*Financial Update:* The October financial statement has been posted to the church website, on the Member Portal page. If you would like the password to access it, please let Jacob Schroeder know.

*The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry* time is here. Please be purchasing small gifts to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in a third-world country. Red and green boxes are gone but a clear plastic shoe box can be used as well. Information on content is available downstairs. Shoeboxes must be turned in by next Sunday, November 20.

*Thanksgiving Service:* Please join us Tuesday, November 22, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour Thanksgiving Service for the whole family.

*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.