

# LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## -DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

### Welcome and Silent Prayer

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised;

great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable.

We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin  
and the knowledge that you resist the proud.

Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you,

because you have made us for yourself

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

### \*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29.10-13

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Songs of Praise to God

Hymn No. 98

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

## Give Thanks

words and music Henry Smith 1978  
Integrity's Hosanna Music CCLI# 2415226

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give

thanks be - cause He's giv - en — Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give Son. And now let the

weak say, "I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am rich — be - cause of what the Lord has

done for — us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God,  
to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings  
and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires.  
Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere.  
We have put the seeking of idols,  
which are bound to leave us empty,  
above seeking you.  
We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind.  
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And grant that we might from this time forth  
serve you in newness of life. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1.18-19

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

*Hymn No. 97*

*WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR*

### **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

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Sermon

“Justifying the Ungodly”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

\*Song of Response

### Here is Love

words, vs. 1,2 William Rees (1802-1883)  
vs. 3,4 possibly William Williams, mod.  
trans. from Welsh to English William Edwards 1900  
music Robert Lowry, 1876

1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood, When the  
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains o - pened deep and wide; Through the  
3. Let me all your love ac - cept - ing, love you ev - er all my days; Let me  
4. In your truth you do di - rect me by your Spir - it through your Word; And your  
Prince of Life, our Ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood. Who his  
flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and  
seek your king - dom on - ly and my life be to your praise; You a -  
grace my need is meet - ing, as I trust in you, my Lord. Of your  
love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise? He can  
love, like might - y riv - ers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove; Heav - en's  
lone shall be my glo - ry, no - thing in the world I see. You have  
full - ness you are pour - ing your great love and pow - er too; With - out  
nev - er be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.  
cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me, You your - self have set me free.  
meas - ure, full and bound - less, draw - ing out my heart to you.

## **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,  
in which He pardons all our sins,  
and accepts us as righteous in His sight,  
only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us,  
and received by faith alone.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 33

## **-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**

*Hymn No. 116*

*FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH*

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

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty and most merciful Father:

Grant us a heart to love you more faithfully,

and enable us to show our thankfulness

by giving up ourselves to your service

and delighting in all things to do your will;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Nicole Miller

*Next Week:* Sam Schroeder

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter & Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early

## **Sermon Notes: "Justifying the Ungodly" (Isaiah 52.13-53.12)**

1. The Servant's success: he was repulsive but redemptive (52.13-15)

2. The Servant's suffering: he lived in rejection (53.1-3)

3. The Servant's significance: he was our sin-bearer (53.4-6)

2. The Servant's suffering: he died in innocence (53.7-9)

1. The Servant's success: he was crushed but victorious (53.10-12)

## Prayer Concerns

*Shelley Kelly* (Duane's daughter) continues to improve from the appendicitis infection. Her doctor is planning an appendectomy for December 30. Pray that it goes well.

*Tom & Melissa Manning* (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq. May God bless their work and bring salvation and growth in Christ to many.

## Announcements

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

November 26	Ron and Cherry Gonzales
November 27	Robert Fastenow
November 28	Henry Schroeder
November 28	Peter Vander Griend

*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 this Friday, at 6:30 PM.

*Christmas Caroling & Hayride:* On Sunday, December 20, at 4:30 PM, we are having a caroling party and hayride, with plenty of cider and Christmas treats. More details to come.

*Operation Christmas Child:* Gift boxes are due today. You can give them to Judie Jud or leave them on the table downstairs during the Coffee Hour.

*RUF Boise State:* Brian and Gail Frey are expecting to end the year with a significant shortfall. If you would like to join us in helping them, please drop a check in the offering by December 13, made payable to Covenant, with "RUF Boise State" on the memo line.

*Thanksgiving Service:* Please join us this Tuesday, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour service of thanksgiving for the whole family (there will be no nursery care, though the cry room will be open). This year's Thanksgiving offering will go to the Christian Aid Center.

## Weekly Gatherings

*The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group* meets at their home 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* is taking this Thursday off. It will resume its study of Genesis on Thursday, November 3, at 6:00 AM at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited

### Explanation of Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."