

**LORD'S DAY**  
**November 6, 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**

O God, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I do, for I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding.

— Ambrose of Milan, AD 339-397

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

Psalm 145.8-13

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

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

*Hymn No. 40*

*GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH*

## **-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**

Ephesians 1.7-8

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 302*

*COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*

**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 3.1-4

**Sermon**

**"Now But Not Yet"**  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

**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**

We have been delivered from our misery  
by God's grace alone through Christ  
and not because we have earned it:  
why then must we still do good?

**To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.**

**But we do good because**

**Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,  
so that in all our living  
we may show that we are thankful to God  
for all he has done for us,  
and so that he may be praised through us.**

**And we do good**

**so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,  
and so that by our godly living  
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 86

## **-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

### Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

words Martin Luther, 1524  
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854; alt.  
music Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
alt. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es  
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -  
• 3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly  
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in -  
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of



giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from  
tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was  
• gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree, so strong his love! to  
vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and  
heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil



heav - en; there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right  
end - ed; Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed  
• save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death  
lights us. By his grace he does im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine  
leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
up by death, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
• pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant to us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleases you most, to esteem that which is most precious to you, and to dislike whatever is evil in your eyes. Grant us true judgment to distinguish things that differ and above all to search out and do what is well pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Samantha Schroeder

*Next Week:* Erika & Katie Leinweber

#### **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* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They have just begun a study of 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: "Now But Not Yet" (Colossians 3.1-4)**

1. "...seek the things that are above" (v. 1)

2. "For...your life is hidden with Christ in God" (v. 3)

## **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.

*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.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev; that God protects their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's teaching at the seminary to strengthen the church in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

## **Announcements**

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

*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.

*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.

### **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."