

LORD'S DAY
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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

Lord God, we gather in this place
not because we are deserving of your love,
nor because we have lived faithfully before your face.
We gather here because you called us.
You loved us before we could love you.
You have given your Son for our salvation.
For this we join all creation in blessing you,
praising you, and thanking you.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
You are great, and greatly to be praised.
As we offer our praise,
we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son,
whose death and resurrection give us hope,
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29.1-2

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 103

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,
teach us not to sin with such abandon.
We do it all too easily.
We pretend, lie, envy and lust,
we criticize, brood, ignore and deny,
we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses,
and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.
Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character.
Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness.
Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear, which will not drive us to despair,
but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 369

SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS

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 6.1-13

Sermon

"Before the Throne of God"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Give Praise to God

Based on Romans 11:33-36
words James Montgomery Boice, 1999
music Paul S. Jones, 1999
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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect know - ledge,
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un - veil to
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need for all things good from
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things else both

wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di - vine, de - vout,
his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be - hind, be - fore;
him pro - ceed. We praise him as our Lord, and yet
good and true, come from and through our God al - ways,

his paths be - yond all tra - cing out.
he is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor. Come, lift your voice to
we nev - er place God in our debt. praise.
and fill our hearts with grate - ful

heaven's high throne, And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

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 God?

God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty; knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 7

-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 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 prayers 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.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 520

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;
help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Olivia Buob & Katie Leinweber

Next Week: Erika Leinweber & Maggie Buob

Sunday School:

Today: Sandy Miller & Janice VanderGriend

Next Week: Sam Schroeder & Eileen Davis

Weekly Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group meets on all but first Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This week the group will be studying Isaiah 7.1-8.8. All are invited!

Men's Group is studying Genesis on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Women's Group is studying 1 Peter on Fridays, at 1:00 PM, at the church. If you would like to learn more please contact Cherry Gonzales. All women are invited.

Prayer Concerns

Brian & Gail Frey (RUF) continue to share the gospel and disciple students at Boise State University. Pray that God strengthens them for this work and uses their labors to further his kingdom and build his church.

Karl Hedine learned this week that he has stage 3B colon cancer. Pray for wisdom as he and Renee weigh the options, and for God's peace as a decision is made regarding how to proceed.

Bret Reller is currently serving in Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 19 Nicole Miller

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, 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."