

Second Sunday in Lent

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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, whose glory is above the heavens,
praise waits for you in Zion!
Out of your great mercy
you have gathered us into your church.
Receive the adoration of our hearts this day,
and grant that we may so honor you,
both in spirit and in outward form,
that your name may be glorified
through the worship of our lips and our hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 26

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

Hymn No. 454

OUR GOD IS MIGHTY, WORTHY OF ALL PRAISING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge our unworthiness of your grace and salvation.
So little have we truly believed our Savior's conquest of sin and death for us!
How often we forget that the Lord Jesus is sitting at your right hand,
ruling over all things for the church,
interceding for us,
and will one day return to bring salvation to all who are waiting for him.
How often we are weak or discouraged because we have forgotten that
since Christ is in heaven we who belong to him are as much as seated with him there.
How wrong of us that so great a Savior and so great a salvation
should not produce in us greater love and firmer hope.
Forgive us for such little faith,
restore to us the joy of our salvation,
and help us to walk worthy of it;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

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

Philippians 1.1-11

Sermon

“Conduits of Christ’s Love”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.
music David B. Hampton
1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226

1. Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast - er, broad - er than the sea.
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on _____ me as I work and wait for Thee;

_____ I am find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart.
_____ How _____ mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all _____ on _____ me. _____
_____ And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies _____ my _____ heart;
_____ Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows _____ flee. _____

_____ Thou hast bid me gaze up - on _____ Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul. _____
_____ Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
_____ Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
_____ Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

_____ For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me _____ whole. _____ Je - sus,
_____ know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it _____ mine. _____ Je - sus,
_____ com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. _____ Je - sus,
_____ keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill _____ me with Thy _____ grace. _____ Je - sus,

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. _____ I am
find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart. _____

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 the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is:

to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul,

with all our strength, and with all our mind;

and our neighbor as ourselves.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 42

—OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT—

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward 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. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that this week
we might love you with all our heart,
with all our soul,
with all our strength,
and with all our mind;
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Sam Schroeder

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Early

Next Week: Peter & Jenni Early

Weekly Gatherings

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 (during the school year), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group meets at their home on the second and fourth 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 Group meets Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This week they are beginning a study of Hebrews. All men are invited.

The Women's Group is studying Ecclesiastes, a combination of wisdom and folly "under the sun." The group meets Saturdays, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, at the church, and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

Sermon Notes: “Conduits of Christ’s Love” (Philippians 1.1-11)

1. Salutation (vv. 1-2)
2. Thanksgiving (vv. 3-8)
3. Prayer (vv. 9-11)
4. Conduits of Christ’s Love

Prayer Concerns

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): Spring semester is in full swing. Pray for Brian's leadership of RUF, that the Lord uses the ministry to lead many to Christ; and that for those who already know the Savior, this will be a semester of great growth.

Tom Parsons (Lynn and Collie's son) had a second X-ray this week, which revealed that another surgery is not needed at this time. He is taking bone-growth medication and will be checked again in a few weeks. Pray he continues to make progress, that further surgery is not necessary, and that he is sustained by God's presence and strength.

Bret Reller is on a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Financial Update: The January financial report has been posted to the church website, on the Member Portal page. If you would like to see it and need the password, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He would be happy to give it to you.

The Mannings Are Coming: Mark your calendars! Tom and Melissa Manning will be here July 3. Tom will be preaching and we will gather for a picnic at the Park after the Coffee Hour, to hear what the Lord has been doing in Jordan.

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

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.