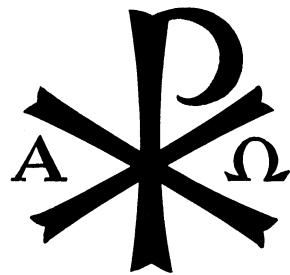


LORD'S DAY
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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 2

O WORSHIP THE KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done?
Or if there is evil that we have not done,
what evil is there that we have not spoken?
Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken,
what evil is there that we have not thought to do?
But you, O Lord, are good.
You are merciful.
You saw how deep we were sunk in death,
and it was your power that drained dry
the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts.
All that you have asked of us
was to deny our own wills and accept yours.
Forgive us for every failure to do so,
and help us to follow you in every way and always;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5.21

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 10.1-18

Sermon

“Encompassed by Unbelief”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

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.*

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Confession of Faith

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will
they can neither move nor be moved.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 28

-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. 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. 649

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by your mercy and power protect us, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your most holy Name, and on the Great Day, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Erika & Katie Leinweber

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Gatherings

The Home Fellowship Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Psalms 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 studying Proverbs and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all women are invited. Please talk to Cherry for more information.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "Encompassed by Unbelief" (Psalm 10.1-18)

1. The Practice of Atheism

2. The Response of God's People

Prayer Concerns

Debbie Adamson: Pray for relief from the back pain Debbie is dealing with, and that she is daily comforted by God's presence.

Dick & Joyce Davis (Steve's parents): Pray that their health continues to improve and that God grants them a settledness about their relocation to Walla Walla.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): Pray for Brian as he shares the gospel with students and disciples believers, that God uses him and the ministry of RUF to bring eternal life and spiritual growth to many.

Vickie Myers is home but continuing to struggle to keep food and liquids down. She has an appointment with a gastroenterologist on February 7 but is hoping she can be seen sooner. Pray that she can, that an effective treatment is found, and that she is kept in God's peace.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.