

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 104.1-2, 24, 31-34

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 122

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord God,
the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches.
We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus;
for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word,
where we behold his character, grace and glory,
as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection.
We come to you in his all-prevailing name,
with nothing of our own to plead:
no works, no worthiness, no promises.
We are often straying,
often knowingly opposing your authority,
often abusing your goodness.
Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence;
that you are about our paths, our ways,
our lying down, and our end.
Subdue in us the love of sin,
and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness;
that we may whole-heartedly serve and enjoy you forever.
This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3.4-7

*Song of Praise to Christ

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Mark Hall and Michael Bleaker 2009
CCLI# 2415226

1. One day when Heav - en was filled with His prais - es, One day when sin
2. One day they led Him up Cal - va - ry's moun - tain. One day they nailed
3. One day the grave could con - ceal Him no long - er. One day the stone

was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be born of a vir -
Him to die on a tree. Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de - spised and re - ject -
rolled a - way from the door. Then He a - rose; o - ver death He had con -

gin, dwelt a - mong men. My ex - am - ple is He. The Word be - came flesh
ed, bear - ing our sins, my Re - deem - er is He. The hands that healed na -
quered. Now He's as - cend - ed, my Lord ev - er - more. Death could not hold

and the light shined a - mong us, His glo - ry re - vealed.
tions stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. Liv - ing, He loved
Him, the grave could not keep Him from ris - ing a - gain.

me. Dy - ing, He saved me. Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way Ris - ing, He jus -

ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com - ing; oh, glo - ri - ous day, oh, glo - ri - ous day.

1, 2 3
One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing.

One day the skies with His glo - ry will shine. Won - der - ful day my Be - lov - ed One bring - ing.

My Sav - ior, Je - sus is mine. Liv - ing, He loved me. Dy - ing, He saved me. Bur - ied, He car -

ried my sins far a - way Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com -

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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 17.1-19.25

Sermon

"A Foretaste of Heaven"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 454

OUR GOD IS MIGHTY, WORTHY OF ALL PRAISING

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.

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Confession of Faith

What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**I believe that the Son of God
through his Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 54

-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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O Lord, our never failing Help:

Keep us under your merciful protection,

and make us always to fear and love your holy Name;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Emily Leinweber & Maggie Buob

Next Week: Olivia Buob & Emily Leinweber

Sunday School

Today: Janice Vander Griend & Alysia Buob

Next Week: Sam Schroeder & Eileen Davis

Sermon Notes:

Prayer Concerns

Karl Hedine: Pray that the chemotherapy is successful in destroying any remaining cancer cells, that Karl's body is able to handle the treatments, and that he and Renee are strengthened in grace as they look to the Lord.

Del Klicker continues to recover from his recent fall. Pray that his hip heals properly and that he navigates life on crutches safely during his convalescence.

Tom and Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees who have flooded Mafrq; that God blesses the work of their hands and the proclamation of their lips, bringing salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

April 28	Olivia Buob
May 1	Austin Braendlein
May 1	Josie Miller

Family Camp: The Schroeders and Millers are organizing a camping getaway to Willowa Lake State Park, August 14-16. All are welcome. To reserve a spot, contact Samantha Schroeder or Nicole Miller by next Sunday, May 3.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, a time of fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School Hour.

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 20.1-21.17 and 23.1-18. All are invited.

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

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.