

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

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 105.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 57

HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH, O MY SOUL

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1.18

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 19.1-14

Sermon

"The Revelation of God"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 138

THE HEAVENS DECLARE YOUR GLORY, LORD

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

By what means do we know God?

We know him by two means:

**First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe,
since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book**

**in which all creatures,
great and small,
are as letters
to make us ponder
the invisible things of God:
his eternal power
and his divinity.**

**All these things are enough to convict men
and to leave them without excuse.**

**Second, he makes himself known to us more openly
by his holy and divine Word,
as much as we need in this life,
for his glory
and for the salvation of his own.**

— The Belgic Confession, Article 2

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 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. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen and Amen!

—Psalm 72.18-19

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller & Jackson Leinweber *Next Week:* Sam Schroeder

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin *Next Week:* Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

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 (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Galatians and all are welcome.

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 are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St). They are studying Romans and all are invited. For more information, give Cherry a call (522-4272.)

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: “The Revelation of God” (Psalm 19.1-14)

1. In the Universe—God’s Big Book (vv. 1-6)

2. In the Scriptures—God’s Little Book (vv. 7-11)

3. The Revelation Applied (vv. 12-14)

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Allen (our church planter in Soldotna, AK) is battling cancer. Pray the treatment he is receiving is effective, and that he and Amy know God's peace during this time.

Tom and Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq, that God blesses their work and brings salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) continues his battle with brain cancer. Pray for peace and strength as he undergoes treatment, as well as for healing.

Jake Leining is home from the hospital but is still recovering. Pray that his progress continues and give thanks that he is better.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

April 30	Elizabeth Miller
May 1	Josie Miller
May 3	Jacob Schroeder
May 5	Kevin Chabre
May 5	Sandy Miller
May 5	Skip Sippert

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

National Day of Prayer: You are invited to an ecumenical prayer service this Thursday, from 12:15 to 1:00 PM, at Walla Walla Presbyterian Church (325 S 1ST Ave), to pray for churches, families, education, business, media, government, and our military.

New Sunday Service Times: We are pleased to announce that beginning next Sunday our schedule will be as follows: Sunday School, 9:00-9:45 AM; Worship, 10:00-11:15 AM; and Fellowship Time, 11:15-11:45 AM.

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.