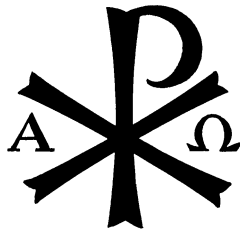


LORD'S DAY

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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,
from whom every good prayer comes,
who pours out on all who desire it
the spirit of grace and supplication:
Deliver us, as we draw near to you,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind,
that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections
we may worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-3, 10

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 115

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Father, forgive us for the things we have done
that make us feel uncomfortable in your presence.
For the front that we polish so carefully for men to see
does not deceive you.
You know every thought that has left its shadow on our memory,
every motive that curdled something sweet within us.
We acknowledge that we have desired what we should not have.
We have toyed with what we knew was not for us.
We have been preoccupied with self-interest.
We have invited unclean thoughts into our minds
and entertained them as honored guests.
Our ears have often been deaf to your whisper.
Our eyes have often been blind to the signs of your guidance.
Make us willing to be changed,
even though it requires surgery of the soul and the therapy of discipline.
Make our hearts warm and soft,
that we may receive and accept the blessing of your forgiveness,
the benediction of your "Depart in peace...and sin no more";
for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8, 10-12

*Song of Praise to Christ

Glory, Glory, to Our King!

words Thomas Kelly, 1804
music Eileen Davis, 2008

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four measures of each system. The lyrics are as follows:

Measure 1	Measure 2	Measure 3	Measure 4
1. Glo - ry glo - ry, 2. Je - sus is gone 3. Now be-hold Him 4. Je - sus, on Thy	to our King! up on high: high en-throned! peo-ple shine;	Crowns un - fad - ing An - gels come to Glo - ry beam-ing Warm our hearts and	wreath His head; meet their King; from His face; tune our tongues,
Je - sus is the Shouts tri-um-phant By a - dor-ing That with an-gels	name we sing; rend the sky, an - gels own'd, we may join,	Je - sus ris - en While the Vic-tor's Lord of hol - i Share their bliss and	from the dead; praise they sing; ness and grace: swell their songs:
Je - sus, spoil - er "O - pen now, ye Oh for hearts and Glo-ry, hon - or,	of the grave; heav'n - ly gates! tongues to sing, praise, and pow'r,	Je - sus, might - y "Tis the King of "Glo - ry, glo - ry Lord, be Thine for	now to save. glo - ry waits." to our King." ev - er - more.

Prayers for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 28.1-29

Sermon

“The Christian’s Sure Hope”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 94

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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 true faith?

True faith is

not only a knowledge and conviction

that everything God reveals in his Word is true;

it is also a deep-rooted assurance,

created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,

that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,

not only others, but I too,

have had my sins forgiven,

have been made forever right with God,

and have been granted salvation.

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 21

-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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 254

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Maggie Buob & Abigail Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early

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 & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq, asking God to bless their work and to bring salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Recognizing Our Graduates: Next Sunday we will recognize our graduates (Maggie Buob, Sam Callan, Karly Hedine, Emily Leinweber, and Adam Little) during the Worship Service and during our Coffee Hour.

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

The Home Fellowship Group is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in September.

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

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.