

# 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**

Glorious Lord,

it is the passion of our lives to worship you,  
the crown and glory of our souls to adore you.

Enable us by your Spirit to do so now,  
that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life  
as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-4

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 26*

*TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face,  
awed by your majesty, greatness and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love.  
Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts,  
a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you.  
Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.  
Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within;  
in every thought, word, and deed.  
Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world,  
works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 12.1-2

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 301*

*JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES*

### **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 31.1-32.20

**Sermon**

“The God Who Is”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 83*

*O PRAISE THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD*

**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 God?

**God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being,  
wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 4

## -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

#### A Debtor to Mercy Alone

words Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778 mOD.  
music Eileen Davis 2000

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are divided into three systems, with the first system having three numbered verses.

1.A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing; nor  
2.The work which his - good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete; his  
3.My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase; im -

fear with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring. The  
prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things  
pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes,

ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do; my  
fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or - a - bove, can  
I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n; more

Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.  
make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.  
hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

**Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant, O Lord,  
that what has been said with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and that what we believe in our hearts  
we may practice in our lives,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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\*Please stand if able

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**Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Nicole Miller & Jack Leinweber

*Next Week:* Emily Leinweber & Nicole Miller

**Financial Update**

May General Fund

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<sup>1</sup> Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

**Sermon Notes:**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Brian & Gail Frey* (Boise State): Pray for the Freys and the work of RUF during the summer. Though fewer students are on campus, the ministry continues. Summer is also a time for Brian and Gail to catch their breath and plan for the coming year.

*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.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

June 21      Ryan Alden

June 24      Peter and Jenni Early

*Picnic at the Park*: Join us next Sunday for the first of three summer picnics. We will gather at Rooks Park, near the shelter, immediately following the Coffee Hour. This is a no host event.

*Visitors*: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

## **Weekly Gatherings**

*The Men's Group* meets on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. They are currently studying Genesis and all men are invited.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."