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

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable. We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin and the knowledge that you resist the proud. Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

-Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

*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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

-From The Book of Common Prayer

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130.3-7

*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 1 Peter 5.5b-11

Sermon "Humility"

Deacon Shawn Riley

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 688 HAVE THINE OWN WAY, 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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed

-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 body, the 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. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction 2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Sermon Notes: "Humility" (1 Peter 5.5b-11)
A. What is humility? Why is it such a struggle?
B. What does St. Peter's letter teach us about humility? (Clothing, timing, casting, watching, resisting, and suffering)
 C. What can St. Benedict's steps teach us about humility? (For all 12, see http://www.lectionarycentral.com/trinity03/Benedict.html) 1. The fear of the Lord and the knowledge of sin.
2. Loving the will of God more than our own will.
3. Subject yourself to one another.
4. To the end that fear and effort are replaced by love.

Prayer Concerns

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State) are catching their breath after a busy year and planning for the one ahead. Pray for their students as they are away for the summer, for Brian as he prepares for the Fall, and for RUF's ongoing work of evangelism and discipleship on the campus.

Hedine Family: Renee's father recently went home to be with the Lord. Pray for God's comfort and peace amidst their sorrow.

Bret Reller is on a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

July 1 Peter Early

Tom & Melissa Manning will be here next Sunday! Tom will be preaching and we will gather for a picnic at Pioneer Park, from 11:00 to 1:00, to hear what the Lord has been doing in Jordan. Please join us.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Hannah Alden Next Week: TBA

Other Gatherings

Kids' Quest, the children's catechism class taught by Pastor Ron, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

The Men's Group, meets Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are currently studying Hebrews, and all men are invited.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.