

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts this day such love for you that,
loving you above all things,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed our every hope and desire;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-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 49.15-16

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 172

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 3.1-8

Sermon

“A Prayer for Deliverance”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Rejected and Despised by Men

words William Robertson, 1751.
music, Arr. in Henry W. Greatorex's Collection, 1851

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four verses of the song. The first line of lyrics is: 1. Re - ject - ed and de - spised by men, be - hold a man of woe! 2. Yet all the griefs He felt were ours, ours were the woes He bore; 3. We held Him as con - demned of heav'n, an out - cast from His God; 4. His sa - cred blood has washed our souls from sin's pol - lut - ing stain; The second line of lyrics is: And grief His close com - pan - ion still through all His life be - low! Pangs not His own, His spot - less soul with bit - ter an - guish tore. While for our sins He groaned, He bled, be - neath His Fa - ther's rod. His stripes have healed us, and His death re - vived our souls a - gain.

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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.

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

Confession of Faith

How does God want us to pray
so that he will listen to us?

**First, we must pray from the heart
to no other than the one true God,
who has revealed himself in his Word,
asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.**

**Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery,
hiding nothing,
and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.**

**Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation:
even though we do not deserve it,
God will surely listen to our prayer
because of Christ our Lord.
That is what he promised us in his Word.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 117

-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. 242

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty God and Father,
when our enemies seem many and on all sides,
help us to trust in your promises,
to know that your love and power are a shield about us,
and that nothing can part us from the salvation
you have given us in your Son Jesus. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Sermon Notes: "A Prayer of Deliverance" (Psalm 3.1-8)

1. David's complaint (vv. 1-2)

2. David's confidence (vv. 3-6)

3. David's cry (vv. 7-8)

Prayer Concerns

The Christian Aid Center cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray for its staff and volunteers, that God uses them to convey his love and grace to many.

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 & Anniversaries this Week:

July 10	Sandy and Nicole Miller
July 13	Caleb Early
July 13	Katie Early
July 14	Jeffy Armstrong

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal, please let Barb McLean Know.

Pastor Ron will be on vacation from July 18 to August 2. If you have a need while he is away, please feel free to contact one of the elders.

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

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Erika Leinweber & Abigail Carpenter

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 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.