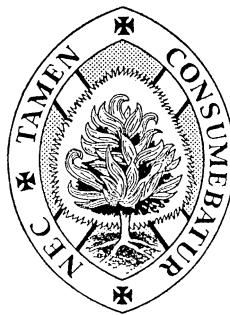


LORD'S DAY

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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, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-7, 10-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 17

PRAISE THE LORD: YE HEAVENS ADORE HIM

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

words and music Steve and Vikki Cook
2001 Sovereign Grace Music CCLI# 2415226

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran-somed
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er. My life he bought, my love he
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails, and hung him on that judgment
 owns. I have no long - ing for a - no - ther, I'm sat - is - fied in him a -
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness, his tri - umphsong I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crush'd the power of sin and
 lone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, his faith - ful - ness, my stand-ing
 sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death. My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge: The
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush u - pon me, my
 gold, and when he calls me it will be par - a - dise, his

Lamb who is my right-eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous - ness.
 feet are firm held by his grace, my feet are firm held by his grace.
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, his face for - ev - er to be - hold.

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

Psalm 4.1-8

Sermon

"When Accusations Come"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.

music David B. Hampton

1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226

1.Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2.O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast-er, broad - er than the sea.
3.Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4.Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee;

I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
How mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all on me.
And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
Rest-ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.

Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright-ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

For by Thy trans-form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me whole. Je-sus,
know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it mine. Je-sus,
com-pass-eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. Je-sus,
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace. Je-sus,

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. I am
find-ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

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

What do you believe about the justice and mercy of God in Christ?

We believe that God—

who is perfectly merciful

and also very just—

sent his Son to assume the nature

in which the disobedience had been committed,

in order to bear in it the punishment of sin

by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,

who was charged with our sin,

and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,

who are guilty and worthy of damnation,

giving to us his Son to die,

by a most perfect love,

and raising him to life

for our justification,

in order that by him

we might have immortality

and eternal life.

—The Belgic Confession, Article 20

-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. 705

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom you have given a hearty desire to pray, may, by your mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Sermon Notes: "When Accusations Come" (Psalm 4:1-8)

1. Prayer (v. 1)

2. Exhortation (vv. 2-5)

3. Prayer (vv. 6-8)

Prayer Concerns

Elders Chad Leinweber and Jacob Schroeder will be leading worship and preaching July 24 and 31, respectively, in Pastor Ron's absence. Pray for their preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

Bret Reller will soon be returning from Afghanistan. Praise God for keeping him and those he serves with safe these past six months.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they settle back into life in Kiev, and for Alister's ministry at the seminary, that God blesses his teaching and uses it to strengthen the church in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Announcements

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: Erika Leinweber & Abigail Carpenter *Next Week:* Katie Leinweber & Nicole Miller

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 is on break while Pastor Ron is on vacation. It will resume its study of Hebrews on August 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. Please join us.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3:2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."