

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 95.1-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 119

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.

We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb.

We are in the foothills when we should be on the heights.

We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days,

our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race,

our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities.

We are blind while the light shines around us.

Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our hearts of unbelief.

Make it our greatest joy to study, meditate, and gaze upon you;

to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John on your breast,

to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things rubbish

compared to knowing and gaining you. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55.6-7

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

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 37.8-38

Sermon

“That the World May Know”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

O God, We Have Heard

music John Bunyan Herbert, 1914
words *The Psalter*, 1912

1.O God, we have heard and our fa - thers have told Your won - ders per -
2.They gained not the land by the edge of the sword, Their own arm to
3.Com - mand, and Your word will de - liv - er - ance bring, O God, to Your
4.No trust will I place in my strength to de - fend. Nor yet on my

formed in the great days of old; The na - tions were crushed and ex -
them could no safe - ty af - ford, You saved by your right hand, to
cho - sen, for You are our king; Through You we will sure - ly de -
sword as a safe - guard de - pend. In You, who has saved us and

pelled by Your hand, Cast out that Your peo - ple might dwell in their land.
them turned your face. You showed them your fa - vor and won - der - ful grace.
feat all our foes, Through Your name we'll tri - umph o're those that op - pose.
put them to shame, We boast all the day, ev - er prais - ing Your name.

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

We have been delivered from our misery
by God's grace alone through Christ
and not because we have earned it:
why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.

But we do good because

**Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,
so that in all our living
we may show that we are thankful to God
for all he has done for us,
and so that he may be praised through us.**

And we do good

**so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 86

-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. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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

Sermon Notes:

Prayer Concerns

Karl Hedine finished his course of chemotherapy and is waiting to see what effect it has had. Pray that his strength is renewed and that he and Renee are kept in God's peace.

Judie Jud had hip-replacement surgery a week ago. Pray that her recovery continues to go well and that she knows God's strength and peace during her convalescence.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

July 25 Samantha Schroeder
July 25 Karen Sippert

Congratulations to Peter & Jenni Early on the births of Caleb Benjamin (6 lb. 6 oz., 19.5 in.) and Katherine Elizabeth (5 lb. 5 oz., 20 in.), born this past Monday. Jenni and the twins are doing great!

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.

Financial Update

<u>June General Fund</u>		<u>Year-to-Date¹ General Fund</u>	
Congregational Giving	\$7,287	Congregational Giving	\$15,203
Outside Giving	<u>350</u>	Outside Giving	<u>2,595</u>
Total Income	\$7,637	Total Income	\$17,798
Budgeted Expenses	\$8,520	Budgeted Expenses	\$17,651
Actual Expenses	\$8,313	Actual Expenses	\$17,592

¹Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

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."