

# 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**

Lord Jesus, be present now,  
Our hearts in true devotion bow;  
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,  
And let Thy truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,  
Our souls to Thee in worship raise;  
Make strong our faith, increase our light  
That we may know Thy Name aright.

Until we join the hosts that cry,  
“Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!”  
And in the light of that blest place  
Fore’er behold Thee face to face.

Glory to God the Father, Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

—First published in *Cantionale Germanicum*, 1651; author unknown

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

Psalm 103.1-5

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

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

*Hymn No. 55*

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

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

#### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, we acknowledge our unworthiness of your grace and salvation. So little have we truly believed our Savior's conquest of sin and death for us! How often we forget that the Lord Jesus is sitting at your right hand, ruling over all things for the church, interceding for us, and will one day return to bring salvation to all who are waiting for him. How often we are weak or discouraged because we have forgotten that since Christ is in heaven we who belong to him are as much as seated with him there. How wrong of us that so great a Savior and so great a salvation should not produce in us greater love and firmer hope. Forgive us for such little faith, restore to us the joy of our salvation, and help us to walk worthy of it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8.32-34

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

*Hymn No. 162*

*OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN*

#### **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 6.1-10

**Sermon**

“O Lord, How Long?”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 134*

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

**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**

To what lengths does God go to sanctify his children??

**The most wise, righteous, and gracious God does often leave, for a time, His own children to many temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to show them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support on Him, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for various other just and holy ends.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.5

## **-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. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 691*

*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Remain with us, O Peace of God,  
Remain, remain —  
That we may bear our daily load,  
Nor feel the strain.  
Strong in Thy might, we triumph find,  
Thy calmness gives the quiet mind,  
Thy benediction, comfort kind.  
O Peace of God, remain, remain.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Abigail Carpenter & Jackson Leinweber    *Next Week:* Nicole Miller

### **Other Gatherings**

*Kids' Quest* is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

*The Men's Group* is on break while Pastor Ron is on vacation. It will resume its study of Hebrews on September 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. Please join us.

## **Sermon Notes: "O Lord, How Long?" (Psalm 6.1-10)**

1. David's Distress (vv. 1-7)

2. God's Response (vv. 8-10)

## Prayer Concerns

*Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev, that God strengthens their marriage, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's ministry at the seminary to build his kingdom in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

*Elders Eric Carpenter & Jacob Schroeder* will be leading worship and preaching August 21 and 28, respectively, in Pastor Ron's absence. Pray for their preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

*Pastor Ron* is preaching this evening at Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Kennewick. Pray that God uses him to minister to our brothers and sisters in that body.

*Mary Weingart*, Cherry's 90-year old aunt, is recovering from pneumonia. Pray for healing; but even more, that God opens her heart and draws her to Christ.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

August 18                      Cherry Gonzales

August 18                      Tom Klicker

*Financial Update:* The July financial statement has been posted to the church website, on the Member Portal Page. If you need the password to access it, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He would be happy to share it with you.

*Kid's Quest* resumes September 8. If you would like to help Pastor Ron with this bi-monthly children's catechism class, please let him know. We are always in need of adult or youth helpers.

*Pastor Ron* will be on vacation August 15-29. 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.

### 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.