

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

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord,
I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer,
as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life,
a creature to the Creator,
a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter.
Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire;
Thou art my salvation and my redemption,
my hope and my strength.
Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant;
for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

— Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 42.1-2, 7

***Prayer of Adoration**

*Song of Praise to God

As the Hart, About to Falter

Psalm 42

Genevan Psalter, 1551
harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

Dewey Westra, 1931, rev.



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| 1. As the hart, a - bout to fal - ter; | In its trem-bling ag - o - ny, |
| 2. Bit - ter tears of la - men - ta - tion | Are my food by night and day. |
| 3. O my soul, why are you griev-ing, | Why dis - qui - et - ed in me? |
| 4. From the land be - yond the Jor - dan, | With my soul cast down in me, |
| 5. But the LORD will send sal - va - tion, | And by day His love pro-vide. |
| 6. I will say to God, my for - tress, | "Why hast Thou for - got - ten me?" |
| 7. O my soul, why are you griev-ing, | Why dis - qui - et - ed in me? |



Longs for flow-ing streams of wa - ter;	So, O God, I long for Thee.
In my deep hu - mil - i - a - tion	"Where is now your God?" they say.
Hope in God, your faith re - triev-ing;	He will still your ref - uge be.
From Mount Mi - zar and Mount Her-mon	I will yet re - mem - ber Thee.
He shall be my ex - ul - ta - tion,	And my song at e - ven - tide.
Why must I pro - ceed in sad-ness,	Hound - ed by the en - em - y?"
Hope in God, your faith re - triev-ing;	He will still your ref - uge be.



Yes, a - thirst for Thee I cry;	God of life, O when shall I
Oh, my soul's poured out in me,	When I bring to mem - o - ry
I a - gain shall laud His grace	For the com-fort of His face:
As the wa - ters plunge and leap,	Deep re - ech - oes un - to deep;
On His praise e'en in the night	I will pon - der with de - light,
Their re - bukes and scoff - ing words	Pierce my bones like point - ed swords,
I a - gain shall laud His grace	For the com-fort of His face:



Come a - gain to stand be - fore Thee	In Thy tem - ple and a - dore Thee?
How the throngs I would as - sem - ble,	Shout - ing prais - es in Thy tem - ple.
He will show His help and fa - vor,	For He is my God and Sav - ior.
All Thy waves and bil - lows roar - ing	O'er my trou-bled soul are pour - ing.
And in prayer, tran-scend-ing dis-tance,	Seek the God of my ex - is - tence.
As they say with proud de - fi - ance,	"Where is God, your firm re - li - ance?"
He will show His help and fa - vor,	For He is my God and Sav - ior.

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
we humble ourselves in your presence,
confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight.
We have broken your holy law.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have been anxious and troubled about many things,
and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,
or done to others as we would have them do to us.
Most gracious Father,
who has given your Son, Jesus Christ,
to save your people from their sins;
forgive us, we pray;
cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1.7-8

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Celebration of Covenant Baptism

Caleb and Katherine Early

Explanation and Exhortation

Acts 2.39; Genesis 17.7; Acts 16.31

Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Caleb and Katherine's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. To the congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Peter and Jenni in the Christian nurture of these children?

Baptism and Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40.27-31

Sermon

“Waiting on God”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 31

HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN, HAVE YOU NOT HEARD

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.

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Confession of Faith

What are the benefits that in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

**The benefits that in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are:
assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience,
joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace,
and perseverance to the end.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 36

-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. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God and Father of Jesus Christ,
we leave this place for a week in which busy activities
and worship remembrance are intertwined.
Teach us, even now, how to make every day a day of prayer,
so that each day of our lives is filled with hope
because of Jesus' death and resurrection,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens recently broke his knee cap. Pray that it heals quickly and that Mike knows God's presence and strength as he mends.

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

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): Pray for the Freys as they prepare for the start of a new school year, and for the ongoing work of RUF on the Boise State campus.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

August 17	Rebecca VanDewark
August 18	Cherry Gonzales
August 18	Tom Klicker
August 19	Maggie Riley
August 21	Pat Lilly

A New Home Fellowship Group, hosted by the Leinwebers, will tentatively begin September 13. Children are welcome. For more information, talk to Chad.

Picnic at the Park: Please join us today, following the Coffee Hour, for a picnic at Pioneer Park. Be sure to bring your lunch, lawn chairs, and games!

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.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Katie & Jackson Leinweber

Next Week: Anna Vander Griend & Nicole Miller

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.