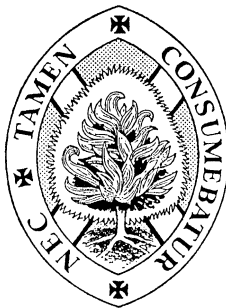


LORD'S DAY

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to 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 95.1-3, 6-7

***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

O Lord God, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus; for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where we behold his character, grace and glory, as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection. We come to you in his all-prevailing name, with nothing of our own to plead: no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, often abusing your goodness. Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence; that you are about our paths, our ways, our lying down, and our end. Subdue in us the love of sin, and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness; that we may wholeheartedly serve and enjoy you forever. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55.6-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 166

WONDROUS KING, ALL-GLORIOUS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 4.8-20

Sermon

“That Christ Be Formed in Us”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

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 is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 35

-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 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

words, Johann Franck, 1649
music, George Coles, 1835



1.Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2.Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3.Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4.Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika and Katie Leinweber

Next Week: Nicole Miller

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 Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group is taking a break for the summer. It will resume September 19.

The Men's Group is on break while Pastor Ron is on vacation. It will resume its study of Ecclesiastes on September 13.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "That Christ Be Formed in Us" (Galatians 4.8-20)

1. Moving Forward Rather than Backwards (vv. 8-11)

2. Imitating Those who Imitate Christ (vv. 12-20)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen (Soldotna, AK): The medication Andrew has been taking in his battle with cancer has stopped working and his doctors are trying to find another treatment option. Pray they do, and that he and Amy know God's peace as they move forward.

Robert Fastenow remains at Park Manor. Pray his rehab is effective, and he is kept in God's peace.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road staff as they catch their breath after a busy summer of hosting and leading work teams in ministry on the reservation. Pray that their labors continue to bear fruit and that God builds his church among the Yakama People.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) continues his battle with cancer. Pray that he and his family know God's presence and peace.

Rev. Adam Phillips, the Assistant Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, will be preaching and leading the service next Sunday. Pray for his ministry among us and for the congregation's worship.

Announcements

Vacation: Pastor Ron will be on vacation from August 21 to September 12, and out of town part of the time. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email address are the surest way. And if you have an immediate need, the elders welcome your call.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

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."