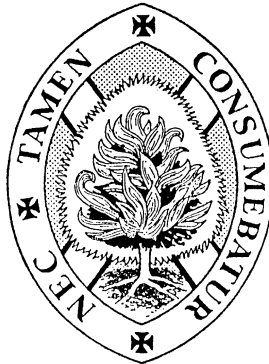


LORD'S DAY

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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

Holy and loving God,
as we worship you today,
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.
In a world that does not understand repentance,
we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29.1-2

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 103

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,
teach us not to sin with such abandon.
We do it all too easily.
We pretend, lie, envy and lust,
we criticize, brood, ignore and deny,
we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses,
and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.
Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character.
Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness.
Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear
which will not drive us to despair,
but cause us to number our days
and give us hearts of wisdom;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.21-22

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!

***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 41.1-20

Sermon

“The Greatness and Goodness of God”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 65

BEFORE JEHOVAH’S AWESOME THRONE

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

What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth”?

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt
he will provide
whatever I need
for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me
in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father**

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 26

-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.

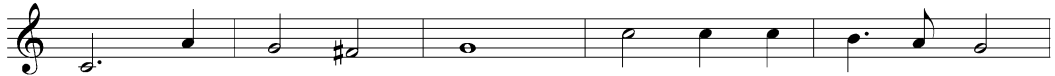
*Song of Thanksgiving

O How the Grace of God Amazes Me

Emmanuel T. Sibomana, 1946
translated, F. Barff



1.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my
2.My God has chos - en me, though one of nought, to sit be - side my
• 3.Not for my right - eous - ness, for I have none, but for His merc - y's
4.And when I think of how, at Cal - va - ry, he bore sin's pe - nal -
5.Now all my heart's de - sire is to a - bide in Him, my Sav - ior
• 6.Lord Je - sus, hear my prayer, Your grace im - part; When e - vil thoughts a -
7.Come now, the whole of me, eyes, ears, and voice, join me, cre - a - tion
8.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my



bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?
King in heav - en's court. hear what my Lord has done,
• sake, Je - sus, God's Son, suf - fered on Cal - vary's tree;
ty in - stead of me. a - mazed, I won - der why
dear, in Him to hide, my shield and buck - ler He,
• rise through Sat - an's art, O, drive them all a - way
all, with joy - ful noise: Praise Him who broke the chain
bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?



His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.
O the love that made Him run to meet His er - ring son! This has God wrought.
• cru - ci - fied with thieves was He; Great was his grace to me, His way - ward one.
He, the sin - less One, should die for one so vile as I; My Sav - ior He!
cov' - ring and pro - tect - ing me; from Sat - an's darts I'll be safe at His side.
• and do You from day to day, keep me be - neath Your sway, King of my heart.
hold - ing me in sin's do - main and set me free a - gain! Sing and re - joice!
His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

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

Financial Update

July General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$7,007
Outside Giving	<u>500</u>
Total Income	\$7,507

Budgeted Expenses	\$8,520
Actual Expenses	\$8,382

Year-to-Date¹ General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$22,210
Outside Giving	<u>3,095</u>
Total Income	\$25,305

Budgeted Expenses	\$26,171
Actual Expenses	\$25,974

¹ Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

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.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan), along with the Sacred Road staff, are coming off a busy summer of ministry to the Yakama People. Pray their labors continue to bear fruit, and the God replenishes their resources as they ready for the year ahead.

Chad Leinweber, Rev. Bob Cassis, and Jacob Schroeder will be preaching the next three Sundays in Pastor Ron's absence. Pray for their preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

August 29 Jackson Leinweber

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

Vacation Time: Pastor Ron will be gone the next three weeks. If you have a need while he is away, feel free to call Chad Leinweber or Jack Lilly. Ron will be back in the office September 16.

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 is on break but resumes its study of Genesis Thursday, September 17, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

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."