

# LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
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**

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

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

Psalm 34.1-3

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

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

*Hymn No. 6*

*O COME, MY SOUL, BLESS THOU THE LORD*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness; that we may know the joy of your presence, the light of your face. You alone know our hearts: how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.1-4

### \*Song of Praise to Christ

*Hymn No. 243*

*PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER*

### 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

Matthew 8.5-17

### Sermon

“Responding to Jesus’ Ministry”

Rev. Adam Phillips

### \*Song of Response

*Hymn No. 172*

*LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER*

### 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.*

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## **Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed

## **-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. 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. 465*

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty and most merciful Father: Grant us a heart to love you more faithfully, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving up ourselves to your service and delighting in all things to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Nicole Miller

*Next Week:* Samantha Schroeder

### **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: "Responding to Jesus' Ministry" (Matthew 8.5-17)**

1. Trust Jesus (vv. 5-13)
2. Serve Jesus (vv. 14-15)
3. Enfold Others into Jesus (vv. 16-17)

## 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.

*Brian & Gail Frey* (Boise): As a new school year begins, pray that God uses the Freys and the ministry of RUF to reach many on the Boise State University campus with the gospel.

*Riley Granberry* (Chris's nephew) passed away this week after a long battle with cancer. Please continue to pray for his family as they mourn the passing of another loved one.

*Elder Chad Leinweber* will preach and lead the service next Sunday. Pray for his preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

August 29     Jackson Leinweber

*Vacation:* Pastor Ron will be on vacation until September 12. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email address are the surest way. And, of course, 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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."