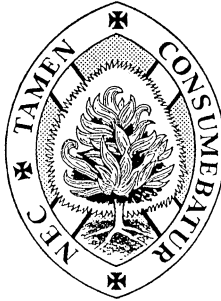


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

*Song of Praise to God

Jehovah Reigns; Let Earth Be Glad

words from Psalm 97
music, Eileen Davis 2006

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written in a six-line format, with each line corresponding to a vocal part. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - ho - vah reigns; let earth be glad, and
2. Con - sum - ing fire de - stroy his foes, a -
3. The heav'n's his right - eous - ness pro - claim, through
4. Your church re - joic - es to be - hold your
5. All you that tru - ly love the Lord, hate
6. For good men light and joy are sown to

all the isles their joy make known; with clouds and dark - ness
round the world his light - nings blaze; the trem - bling earth his
earth his glo - ry shines a - broad; from i - dol wor - ship
judg - ments in the earth, O Lord; your glo - ry to the
sin, for he is just and pure; to saints his help he
bless them in the har - vest - time; O saints, your joy in

he is clad, on truth and jus - tice rests his throne.
pres - ence knows, the moun - tains melt be - fore his gaze.
turn with shame and bow be - fore the liv - ing God.
world un - fold, su - preme o'er all you are a - dored.
will ac - cord and keep them in his love se - cure.
God make known and ev - er praise his name sub - lime.

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groanings, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned; to you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. Turn your face again, O Lord, upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray. Assure pardon for our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving-kindness and mercy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2, 5

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 159

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

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

Colossians 1.15-20

Sermon

“The Supremacy of Christ”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO 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

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed

-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 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika Leinweber & Abigail Carpenter *Next Week:* Katie Leinweber & Nicole Miller

Sermon Notes: "The Supremacy of Christ" (Colossians 1.15-20)

1. Supreme in Eternity (v. 15a)
2. Supreme in Creation (vv. 15b-17)
3. Supreme in the church (v. 18)
4. Supreme in Reconciliation (vv. 19-20)

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens remains at Regency at the Park, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. Pray that his rehabilitation goes well and that he knows God's presence and strength during his convalescence.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery meets this Monday through Wednesday at Cannon Beach, Oregon. Pray for travel mercies for Pastor Ron and those attending, and for their work, that God is honored and the church is strengthened

Announcements

Home Fellowship Group: The Carpenters, Davises, and Gonzaleses are reprising their home group, and you are invited to join them. It will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month (beginning October 4), from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more information, talk to Eric or Pastor Ron.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas *Shoebox Ministry* is coming up soon. Please be thinking about and purchasing small gifts to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in a third-world country.

Sunday School, with classes for all ages, resumes next week. Please join us.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

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 taking this week off. It will resume October 6.

The Women's Group meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Hannah Alden's (601 SW 2nd St, College Place), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They have just begun a study of Romans, and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

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."