

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

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life:

Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you
with all that we are and all that we have to offer,
for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-4, 11-13

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed
that has not proved us guilty in your sight.
Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts.
Praise has often been praiseless sound.
Our best services are filthy rags.
All things in us call for our rejection,
yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance.
Grant us to hear your voice assuring us
that by your stripes we are healed;
that you were bruised for our iniquities,

that you became sin for us
that we might become righteous in you.
Grant that by resting in your righteousness
we may hereafter walk in newness of life
and run hard after your commandments;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24-25

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 42.18-43.21

Sermon

“Recovering Our Purpose”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 470

HOW VAST THE BENEFITS DIVINE

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 is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 1

-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. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayer 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.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Sweet Lamb of God

Gordon Ruddick for Grace Community Fellowship;
Eugene, Oregon

VERSE



1. Up - on a hill, his Fa - ther's will, that he would die, not ev - en
2. We were like sheep, all gone a - stray. We all had gone our sep - a - rate



try to res - cue him - self, no sin of his own, Sweet Lamb of God.
way, we did - n't care, we could - n't see the Sweet Lamb of God.



Ma - ker of all, Lord of the earth, God's on - ly Son of in - fi - nite
There was just One whose death could pay for all our sin, take it a -



worth. Hung on a cross for all to see, Sweet Lamb of God.
way. Gave up his life through suf - fer - ing and pain the Sweet Lamb of God.

CHORUS



Sweet Lamb of God, King of my soul, it is your death that made me



whole. All I can do is give all my praise to the Sweet Lamb of God.



Sweet Lamb of God, your death on the cross has been for my



gain, though you suf - fer - ed loss. All I can do is give all my praise to the Sweet Lamb of God.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes,
all my own desires and hopes,
and accept thy will for my life.

I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee,
to be thine forever.

Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit.

Use me as thou wilt.

Send me where thou wilt,
and work out thy whole will in my life
at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Anna Vander Griend & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Abigail Carpenter &
Katie Leinweber

Sunday School

Today: None

Next Week: Peter & Jenni Early

Sermon Notes: “Recovering Our Purpose” (Isaiah 42.18-43.21)

1. The Problem God Confronts (42.18-25)
2. The Remedy He Provides (43.1-7)
3. The Reason for His Intervention (43.8-13)
4. The Result of It All (43.14-21)

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens continues to recover from his broken knee cap. Pray that it heals quickly and that Mike knows God's presence and strength as he mends.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq. Ask the Lord to bless their work and to bring salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

October 2	Karly Hedine
October 2	Chad and Heidi Leinweber

Financial Update: Rather than printing the monthly update in the bulletin, we are now posting it on the Member Portal page of Covenant's website. If you would like to view it there, just let Jacob Schroeder know; he would be happy to give you the password.

Sunday School begins next week. There will be classes for all ages; please plan to join us.

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 Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group meets at their home (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided, children are welcome, and the group is a lot of fun!

The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. They are currently studying Genesis and all men are invited.

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.