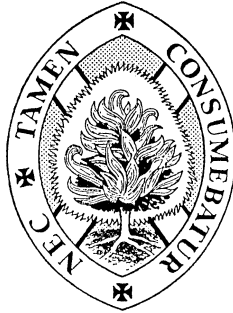


LORD'S DAY

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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

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness: Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5

***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

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours, which have your Son, yet still lack confidence? Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace? Would health convince the ailing of your care? Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness? Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers? O God, our sin is ever before you. You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you. He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care; our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name; our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom; our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment. What more could be given to a people? What more could be done? Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins and give us confidence in the gift of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Song of Praise to Christ*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power**

words Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.
music Martin F. Shaw, 1935; arr. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name; ring - eth the
 3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy; ev - er de -
 4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb; take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more give ye to him who our bat - tle hath
 earth with his glo - ry and fame; o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est and
 scend - eth the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was

won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 praise, this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 slain, dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

***Confession of Faith**

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 17

¹ “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom 1.21, 25).

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

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Sermon

"The Significance of All"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 469

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

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

-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. 499

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O God, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early

Next Week: Peter Early

Worship

Today: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Jenni Early

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 Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln), on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 12:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the 1 Timothy and all are welcome.

The Men's Group resumes its study of 2 Timothy this Wednesday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "The Significance of All" (1 Timothy 2.1-7)

1. Praying for All (vv. 1-2)

2. Desiring All (vv. 3-4)

3. A Ransom for All (vv. 5-6)

4. Offering the Gospel to All (v. 7)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Pray the treatment Andrew is receiving continues to show good results, that it has an arresting effect on the cancer, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

Kristina Halvorson is due May 26. Pray that her pregnancy continues to go well, and that she knows God's strength during this last month.

Mike Leinweber (Chad's dad) continues to decline. Pray he is spared unnecessary pain, and that God surrounds the family, especially Betty, with his peace.

Nicole Miller has been put on bed rest for the remainder of her pregnancy. Pray for the baby's health, that Nicole is able to carry him to full term, and that she and Sandy are kept in God's peace.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for the congregation in Soldotna, AK as they look for an interim pastor to help them plan for their future. May God continue to protect the church, keep it strong, and make it a vital witness on the Kenai Peninsula.

Shawn & Jamie Riley (Chester, CA): Pray for Shawn and Jamie as they minister to the students and congregation of St Andrews Almanor, as well as for their outreach to the Chester Community.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

April 29	Matthew Halvorson
April 30	Elizabeth Miller
May 1	Josie Miller
May 3	Jacob Schroeder
May 5	Kevin Chabre
May 5	Sandy Miller

Emily Ann Bachand, of the Sacred Road team, is in need of financial and prayer support. If you would like to learn more about her ministry and needs, there is information on the literature table.

National Day of Prayer: We are invited to an ecumenical prayer service this Thursday, from 12:15 to 1:00 pm, at Walla Walla Presbyterian Church, to pray for churches, families, education, business, media, government, and our military.

Explanation of the 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."