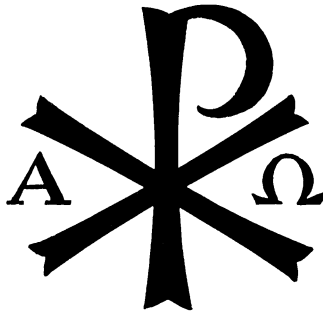


# Pentecost Sunday

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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**

Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit every humble mind; come pour Thy joys on humankind.  
O Source of uncreated light, the Father's promised Paraclete,  
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire, our hearts with heavenly love inspire.  
From sin and sorrow set us free, and make Thy temples worthy of Thee;  
Give us Thyself, that we may see the Father and the Son by Thee. Amen.

—Rhabanus Maurus, AD 776-856

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

**Psalm 135.1-3**

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

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

*Hymn No. 12*

*EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. Too often we have spurned the promptings of your Holy Spirit and ignored your presence by the Spirit. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins, O God; send rain on our dry ground; inflame our cold hearts and direct our wandering feet into your ways; all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

## \*Song of Praise to Christ

## Glory to God on High!

words James Allen, 1761  
music Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Glo - ry to God on high! Let earth and skies re -  
 2. Je - sus, our Lord and God, Bore sin's tre - men - dous  
 3. While they a - round the throne Cheer - ful - ly join in  
 4. Join all ye ran - som'd race, Our ho - ly Lord to  
 5. What though we change our place, Yet we shall nev - er  
 6. Then let the hosts a - bove, In realms of end - less

ply load, Praise ye His name: His love and grace a - dore, Who all our  
 one, Praise ye His name: Tell what His arm hath done, What spoils from  
 bless; Prais - ing His name: Those who have felt His blood Seal - ing their  
 cease Praise ye His name: In Him we will re - joice, And make a  
 love, Prais - ing His name: To Him our songs we bring, Hail Him our  
 Praise His dear name; To Him a - scribed now be Hon - our and

sor - rows bore, Sing a - loud ev - er - more, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 death he won: Sing His great name a - lone: Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 peace with God, Sound His dear fame a - broad: Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 joy - ful noise, Shout - ing with heart and voice, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 gra - cious King, And with - out ceas - ing sing, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 maj - es - ty; Through all e - ter - ni - ty: Wor - thy the Lamb!

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Who is the Redeemer?

**The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 20

## **Prayer for the Church and the World**

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

1 Timothy 3.14-4.5

#### **Sermon**

“Godliness and the Gospel”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 56*

*WHEN ALL YOUR MERCIES, O MY GOD*

## **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

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<sup>1</sup> “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim 2.5).

## **-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. 535*

*O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!*

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

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. You sent your Holy Spirit to empower the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Send us out as witnesses, filled with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel to all nations, carrying out the great commission in obedience to the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Samantha Schroeder

*Next Week:* Katie & Jack Leinweber

### **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* concludes 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: “Godliness and the Gospel” (1 Timothy 3.14-4.5)**

1. Living to Display the Gospel (3.14-16)

2. Living to Obscure God’s Goodness (4.1-5)

## 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.

*Tom & Melissa Manning* (Turkey): Pray the Mannings are soon granted residency permits, which will allow them to receive all that has been in storage since last summer. Pray for their ongoing language studies. And pray for the building of relationships among the Turks and Syrians around whom they live.

*Oaks Parish:* Pray for the Rev. Bryan Buck, our church-planter in southeast Portland, that God strengthens and uses him, as he preaches the gospel in word and deed.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

May 22	Ronnie Curfman
May 22	Eileen Davis
May 25	Chad Leinweber

*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 a time of fellowship.

*Picnic at the Park:* The Rileys will be with us on June 10, so we are planning a no-host picnic at Pioneer Park, following the Coffee Hour, to hear how they are doing and learn more about their future. Please join us!

### Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.