

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

Almighty God, as we gather in your name, we pray for your blessing. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil, who transgress without end your holy law, and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death. But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that acknowledging our unrighteousness, we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance, and that your Spirit, putting to death sin, may produce in us the fruits of holiness, which are well pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-7

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 172

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

*Confession of Faith

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgement both in this life, and in the life to come.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 18

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 2.8-15

Sermon

“In God’s House”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

¹ “For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience” (Eph 5.5-6).

*Song of Response

Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

words Frances Havergal, 1865
music Eileen Davis 2007

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a staff. The first line of lyrics is: 1. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whose I am, pur - chased thine a - lone to be; 2. Je - sus, Mas - ter, I am thine; keep me faith - ful, keep me near; 3. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whom I serve, though so fee - bly and so ill, ser - vice such as I can bring; 4. Lord, thou need - est not, I know, ser - vice such as I can bring; The second line of lyrics is: by thy blood, O spot - less Lamb, shed so will - ing - ly for me, let thy pres - ence in me shine all my home - ward way to cheer. strength - en hand and heart and nerve all thy bid - ding to ful - fil. yet I long to prove and show full al - le - giance to my King. The third line of lyrics is: let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee a - lone. Je - sus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all. O - pen thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me. Thou an hon - or art to me: let me be a praise to thee. The fourth line of lyrics is: Let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee a - lone. Je - sus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all. O - pen thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me. Thou an hon - or art to me: let me be a praise to thee.

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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. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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.

Our Nursery Helpers

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early

Next Week: Peter Early

Worship

Today: Jenni Early

Next Week: Collie Parsons

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: "In God's House" (1 Timothy 2.8-15)

1. Godly Behavior Among Men and Women (vv. 8-10)

2. Creation Differences Between Men and Women (vv. 11-15)

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.

Corem Deo Presbyterian Church: Pray for Revs. Kyle Parker's and Matt Bostrom's church planting labors in Spokane, that they yield much fruit and that the church is strengthened under their leadership.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Kiev): Pray for the Torrens, that God protects their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's Teaching ministry at the seminary to equip future leaders for the church in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

May 10	Judie Jud
May 10	Collie Parsons

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center on Monday, May 14. If you would like to help, either in preparing or serving the meal, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

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.

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.

Explanation of the 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."