

**LORD'S DAY**  
**September 9, 2018**



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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**

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

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

Psalm 104.24-34

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

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

*Hymn No. 122*

*GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord God, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus; for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where we behold his character, grace and glory, as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection. We come to you in his all-prevailing name, with nothing of our own to plead: no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, often abusing your goodness. Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence; that you are about our paths, our ways, our lying down, and our end. Subdue in us the love of sin, and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness; that we may wholeheartedly serve and enjoy you forever. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 176*

*HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!*

**\*Confession of Faith**

What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

**That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 36

**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**

2 Timothy 4.9-22

**Sermon**

**"Ending Well"**  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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<sup>1</sup> "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither see him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14.16-17).

**\*Song of Response**

# Christ of All My Hopes the Ground

words Ralph Wardlaw, 1817  
music Eileen Davis 2018

1. Christ of all my hopes the ground, Christ the spring of all my joy,  
2. Let your love my heart in - flame; keep your fear be - fore my sight;  
- 3. Foun - tain of o're - flow - ing grace, free - ly from your ful - ness give;  
4. Firm - ly trust - ing in your blood, noth - ing shall my heart con - found;  
5. Thus, O thus, an en - trance give to the land of cloud - less sky;

still in you may I be found, still for you my pow'rs em - ploy.  
be your praise my high - est aim; be your smile my chief de - light.  
- till I close my earth - ly race, may I prove it "Christ to live."  
safe - ly I shall pass the flood, safe - ly reach Im - man - uel's ground.  
hav - ing known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die."

## 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. 246*

*MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### \*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

### Closing 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.

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### Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

*Today:* Collie Parsons

*Next Week:* Nicole Miller

### 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 (October 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* is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in October.

*The Men's Group* is on break until September 26, when it will resume its study of Exodus.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

## **Sermon Notes: "Ending Well" (2 Timothy 4.9-22)**

1. Paul's Final Words

2. Lessons to Be Gleaned

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* is eligible for but on a wait list to be admitted into an immunotherapy drug trial with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Pray that a spot opens up soon. In the meantime, he has begun another chemotherapy regime, hoping it offers some help. Pray that it does, and that he and Amy and Katherine are kept in God's peace.

*Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman* will be preaching the next two Sundays, respectively, while Pastor Ron is on vacation. Pray for their preparation and ministry among us, as well as for the congregation's worship.

*The Christian Aid Center* cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church:* Pray for the congregation in Soldotna, AK as they look for a new pastor. May God lead and protect the church, keep it strong, and make it a vital witness on the Kenai Peninsula.

*Sarah Torrens* continues to deal with a slipped disk and spinal stenosis. Pray the medical care she is receiving helps, and that God meets their needs as a family during this time.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

September 11	Nick Quarto
September 14	Karen Carpenter

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

*Vacation:* Pastor Ron will be on vacation the next two weeks. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email are the surest way. And, of course, if you have an immediate need, the elders welcome your call.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### **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.