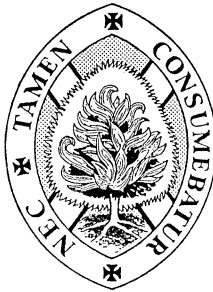


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

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 97.1-12

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 100*

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Father, forgive us for the things we have done that make us feel uncomfortable in your presence. For the front that we polish so carefully for men to see does not deceive you. You know every thought that has left its shadow on our memory, every motive that curdled something sweet within us. We acknowledge that we have desired what we should not have. We have toyed with what we knew was not for us. We have been preoccupied with self-interest. We have invited unclean thoughts into our minds and entertained them as honored guests. Our ears have often been deaf to your whisper. Our eyes have often been blind to the signs of your guidance. Make us willing to be changed, even though it requires surgery of the soul and the therapy of discipline. Make our hearts warm and soft, that we may receive and accept the blessing of your forgiveness, the benediction of your “Depart in peace...and sin no more”; for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Colossians 2.13-14

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 296*

*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME!*

### **\*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

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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).

## **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**

Luke 11.14-28

### **Sermon**

“The Demon and the Strong Man”  
Mr. Ronnie Cu man, Pastoral Intern

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

*Hymn No. 92*

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

## **Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

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*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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## 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. 175*

*A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, to think and do what is right; so that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

*Next Week:* Collie Parsons

### **Gatherings**

*A Children's Catechism Class*, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group*, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is studying Exodus and all men are invited.

*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.

*Psalm Sing* meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

*The Women's Study* is on break for the summer. Thank you to all who participated this year.

## **Sermon Notes: “The Demon and the Strong Man” (Luke 11.14-28)**

1. The Royal Contest

2. A Royal Prediction

3. A Royal Blessing

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Christ Central Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church planter in Corvallis, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

*Brian & Gail Frey (Boise):* Pray for Brian as he gives leadership to the RUF team, cares for students during this, his last semester on the Boise State campus, and prepares to begin planting a PCA church in downtown Boise once the school year ends.

*Rick Myers'* surgery went well last week. Pray that he would make a speedy recovery, and that he would regain full use of his arm.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

May 22      Ronnie Curfman

May 22      Eileen Davis

May 23      Stewart Rowe

May 25      Chad Leinweber

*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 fellowship.

### **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."