

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

I am not worthy, Lord and Master, that you should come under the roof of my soul; nevertheless, since you desire, O lover of mankind, to dwell within me, I am bold to draw near. You bid me open the door which you alone have made, that you may bring light into my darkened mind; I do believe that you will do so. For you did not cast out the harlot when she came to you with tears, nor reject the tax collector when he repented, nor cast out the robber when he confessed your kingdom, nor forsake the persecutor of the church when he repented; but you reckon all who come to you with broken hearts among the number of your friends, you alone who are blessed, forever and ever. Amen.

—A Prayer of John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.)

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 107.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 4

ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within; in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 8.9

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 369

SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS

***Confession of Faith**

What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

One who is truly human and also truly God.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 21

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa 9.6).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 11.29-54

Sermon

“The Intransigence of Unbelief”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Search Me, O God (Cleanse Me)

words based on Psalm 139:23

J. Edwin Orr 1966; CCLI# 2415226

music Frederick C. Atkinson 1870

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; Try me, O
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleans-ing me from sin; Ful - fill Thy
3. Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly Thine; Fill my poor

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some
Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where
heart with Thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my

wick - ed way in me; Cleanse me from ev - 'ry sin and set me free.
once I burned with shame; Grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy Thy name.
pas - sion, self and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord, in me a - bide.

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. 307

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love and thirst for you that we, loving you and seeking you above all things, may obtain your promises, which far exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Collie Parsons

Next Week: Nicole Miller

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.

Psalms Sing is taking tonight off. It will resume Sunday, June 2, at 6:30 PM, 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 Intransigence of Unbelief" (Luke 11.29-54)

1. A Refusal to See (vv. 29-36)
2. A Preoccupation with Externals (vv. 37-52)

Prayer Concerns

Chris and Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they share the gospel with the Yakama people. May their words and deeds bring hope and healing to many on the reservation.

Rick Myers is recovering from his recent shoulder and arm surgery. Pray for continued healing, for freedom from pain, and for increased strength and mobility.

Oaks Parish: Pray for Rev. Bryan Buck, our church planter in SE Portland, that God strengthens and uses him as he preaches the gospel and builds relationships in the community.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

May 28	Benjamin Halvorson
May 29	Madeline Klicker

Church Directory: The updated directories are finished and available on the literature table. Feel free to take as many as you like.

Congratulations to Emily Leinweber who graduated from Whitworth University last weekend.

Financial Update: The April/year end financial statement and the new fiscal year budget, which began May 1, have been posted to the website on the Members page. If you need the password, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

A New LAMP Class, The Doctrine of the Word, which will address the revelation and inspiration of Scripture from a biblical, historical, and systematic theological perspective, begins next Monday, June 3, and runs six consecutive Mondays nights, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It is open to all, whether you are interested in taking it for credit or simply auditing the course. If you would like to learn more, talk to Pastor Ron.

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

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."