

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

Glorious Lord, it is the passion of our lives to worship you, the crown and glory of our souls to adore you. Enable us by your Spirit to do so now, that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16.23-34

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 26

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy on us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

***Confession of Faith**

What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 41

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 20.19-21.4

Sermon

"The Crux of the Matter"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

¹ "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...'" (Mt 6.9).

*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 rings 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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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.

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. 498

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Janice Vander Griend

Next Week: Emily Leinweber

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman and Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Tuesday Night 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.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile, on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. For more information, talk to Kirk. All men are invited.

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 Revelation 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 is taking tonight off. It will resume next Sunday at 6:30 PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The Women's Study is not meeting this week. It will resume October 24 and meet on Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the chapel, from thereon out. The group is studying James, and all are invited.

Sermon Notes: “The Crux of the Matter” (Luke 20.19-21.4)

1. Questions and Answers (20.19-44)

2. A Contrast in Motives (20.45-21.4)

Prayer Concerns

Chris & 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.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna AK, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the community and to the church he is planting.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

October 16	Duane and Judie Jud
October 18	Seth Alden
October 18	Katie Leinweber

Financial Update: The September Financial Report has been posted on the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Reformation Sunday: In addition to our morning service, we are joining the saints from Grace URC, Covenant OPC, and the URC of Sunnyside, at Grace (in Kennewick) on October 27, at 5:00 PM, for a combined worship service, followed by a chili/soup fellowship afterwards. Please join us!

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and discuss the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Women's Retreat: Do you ever feel like you have a spiritual eating disorder? Sometimes we simply ignore our hunger. Other times we hide in the closet and binge on junk food instead. Why? We know that the Bible is the food our souls need, but we don't always know how to prepare a meal from the Scriptures. In our weekend together you will gain biblical motivation and practical equipping for a lifetime of satisfying your soul with Jesus. Come hungry!

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 NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."