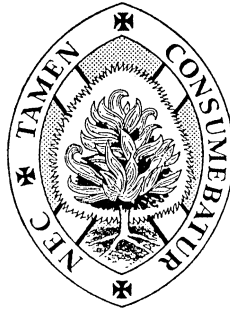


LORD'S DAY

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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

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 119

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

Confession of Faith

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 24

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of your mercy and grace. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved or forgiven others as you, for Christ's sake, have loved and forgiven us. Too often we have lived in selfishness and pride, receiving the good gifts you have given, but failing to use them to bless and relieve the burdens of others. Pardon our offenses, we pray. Grant us the grace to feel and lament our share in the evil that made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die for our salvation. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

¹ “And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him” (Col 1.21-22).

—WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER—

Reception of a New Member

Jonathan Craig

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Prayer

Prayers for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Reading

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

—John 6.16-21

Sermon

"With Face Averted"

Psalm 74.1-23

Rev. Ron Gonzales

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.

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-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking 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 but commend to you instead 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 402

ABIDE WITH ME: FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

*Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes: "With Face Averted" (Psalm 74.1-23)

God promises to never leave or forsake his children, yet there are times in every Christian's life when the Lord does not communicate his presence to their soul. It is as if he has left and gone away. How should we think of such times? What is their purpose? What should we do?

Prayer Concerns

Eric Carpenter & Tom Manning are receiving chemotherapy treatments this month. Pray that the treatments are effective and that the Lord sustains them in body and soul.

Civil Unrest: Pray for the healing of our fractured nation and for those who are leading us, that all might be granted a humility to hear and respect one another and a willingness to work for solutions that promote righteousness and peace.

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

Lori Jud (Duane and Judie's daughter-in-law) is nearing the end of her battle with cancer. Pray that the Lord grants her strength and faith to finish well; and pray for her family, that they know God's comfort and abiding presence.

Clint & Elizabeth Miller: Elizabeth was recently moved into Memory Care at Wheatland Village, which is under quarantine. Pray this is soon lifted so they can spend time together. And pray for continued strength for Clint; he has completed the radiation treatments and is awaiting follow-up testing to see how effective they were.

Pandemic: Pray that the spread of the coronavirus is halted, that successful therapeutics are found, and that an effective vaccine will be quickly developed.

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 this Week:

June 14	Andrew Early
June 16	Adalie Miller
June 18	Annie Carpenter
June 18	Nicholas Seabrandts

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."