

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

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**

Psalm 99.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 46

ROUND THE LORD IN GLORY SEATED

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all too easily. We pretend, lie, envy and lust, we criticize, brood, ignore and deny, we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses, and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking. Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character. Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness. Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Confession of Faith

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.¹

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 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.

¹ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Dt 6.4). "But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King" (Jer 10.10).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“A House for God’s Name”

1 Kings 5.1-6.38

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.

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 Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 242

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able.

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying 1 Kings and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited!

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

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

The Women's Ministry Study, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying the Psalms of Ascent (120-134), on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. (Morning coffee provided!) All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "A House for God's Name" (1 Kings 5.1-6.38)

Prayer Concerns

Cast Your Burden on the Lord: David writes, "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved" (Ps 55.22). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Del Klicker, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might know the Lord's sustaining presence this week.

Jay & Bet Denton (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they engage students on the Boise State campus, that God leads them to many who are eager to respond to the gospel.

The Persecuted Church: There are 461,000 Christians out of 19.6 million people in *Mali*, a west African nation. While the majority of Malians practice a relatively tolerant version of Islam, the growth of jihadist groups, such as Al Qaeda, and criminal organizations that have allied themselves with them has resulted in a sharp rise in kidnappings and violent attacks against Christians and Christian churches. Pray for peace and protection. Pray for families who have lost loved ones, that they will know God's presence and comfort. And pray for the new believers who have left Islam to follow Christ, that they would grow in their faith and be strengthened in their resolve to follow the Lord.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he shepherds the flock and trains men as officers who will help him do the same.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and are eager to get acquainted.

Explanation of the 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.