

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, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 47.1-2, 6-7

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 101*

*COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING*

## **-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. 181*

*WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU*

**Confession of Faith**

Where is the moral law found to be summarized?

**The moral law is found summarized in the Ten Commandments.<sup>1</sup>**

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.<sup>2</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 41 and 42

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> “And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me” (Dt 10.4). And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments” (Mt 19.17).

<sup>2</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Mt 22.37-40).

## -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

### Sermon

“The Lessons of Israel’s Doom”

2 Kings 16.1-17.41

Rev. Ron Gonzales

### \*Song of Response

#### Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way

words William T. Matson, 1866  
music William B. Bradbury, 1853

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains the concluding lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with chords in the bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1. Teach me, O Lord, thy ho - ly way, and give me an o - be - dient  
2. Guide me, O Sav - ior, with thy hand, and so con - trol my thoughts and  
3. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sa - cred foot - steps thou hast  
4. Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er for - sake the right, or do the  
5. Bless me in ev - 'ry task, O Lord, be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for

mind; that in thy ser - vice I may find my soul's de - light from day to day.  
deeds, that I may tread the path which leads right on - ward to the bless - ed land.  
trod; and, meek - ly walk - ing with my God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.  
wrong: a - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong, and round me spread thy shel - t'ring care.  
thee: ful - fill thy per - fect work in me; and thine a - bound - ing grace af - ford.

#### 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 (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) 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 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 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. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

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### 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 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying 2 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.

*Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement*: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

*The Covenant Women's Study*, led by Cherry Gonzales, is just beginning 2 Corinthians. It is meeting on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. Questions for each week can be found on the literature table, and all women are invited.

## **Sermon Notes: "The Lessons of Israel's Doom" (2 Kings 16.1-17.41)**

## Prayer Concerns

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church:* Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessings as he gives himself to this work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

*Tom & Melissa Manning:* Tom continues to help with the follow-up of those who responded to the team's Facebook campaign in Istanbul. Pray God uses the contacts to lead many to faith in Christ, and that he keeps Tom's cancer in check. Tom remains under observation until at least February. Thankfully, his lymphoma has not progressed.

*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 recent growth of jihadist groups has resulted in a rise of violent attacks against Christians and Christian churches. Pray for peace and protection. Pray for families who have lost loved ones, that they know God's presence and comfort. And pray for those who have left Islam to follow Christ, that they grow in their faith and are strengthened in their resolve to follow the Savior.

*Replenished Souls:* The Lord promised his people of old, amid their sufferings, "I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish" (Jer 31.25). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Joel Smith* and *Wayne Snavelly* know the Lord's presence and replenishment this week.

## Announcements

*Church Directory:* Draft copies of the updated directory are available to look at during the Coffee Hour today and next Sunday. Please correct any errors you find.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant. Please join us after the service for some refreshments and fellowship.

### Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.