

# 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**

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

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

Psalm 34.1-10

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

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

*Hymn No. 6*

*O COME, MY SOUL, BLESS THOU THE LORD*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps 35.3)! Come, O God, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*—Adapted from Augustine's Confessions*

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 159*

*O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR*

**\*Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed<sup>1</sup>

**Prayer for the Church and the World**

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<sup>1</sup> Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“Believing in Christ”

John 6.22-40

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 504*

*I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS*

**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.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **-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. 510*

*THOU HIDDEN SOURCE OF CALM REPOSE*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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### **Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This year they will be studying the Gospel of John, in tandem with the Sunday sermon series. All are welcome!

*Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study* meets Mondays, at 6:30 PM, at the church, and runs through March 30. The study is intended to teach the core tenets of the faith and equip the believer to challenge the cultural narratives of our day, especially concerning where we find meaning and purpose. For more information, talk to Chad Leinweber.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets Fridays, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series entitled, "Leadership by the Book," in which 52 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 Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

*Women's Study & Fellowship*: Women and teen girls (middle and high school) are invited to an allergy-friendly dinner and Bible study each Monday, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, through March 30. The women will study Daniel 1-6; the girls will study the book of James. All are welcome.

## **Sermon Notes: "Believing in Christ" (John 6.22-40)**

## Prayer Concerns

*A Divine Stronghold:* David prayed, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Ps 27.1) In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* know God’s mighty presence and shielding care in the week ahead.

*Rev. Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know the Savior and grow in him.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 55,000 Christians out of half a million people who live in *Brunei*, an Islamic sultanate on the northern coast of Borneo. Converting to Christianity is a punishable offense; known converts are separated from their spouses and families. Strict Sharia law regulates all of society, including Christians. Pray for believers who would like to share the gospel but are afraid to do so. Pray for those who worship in secret for fear of reprisal if they are discovered to be followers of Christ. And pray for the churches that must operate in secret.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church*, in Soldotna, AK, has called Rev. Nathan Boldt to be the church’s new pastor/church planter. Pray the Lord supplies all of his needs, and that he and his family quickly feel at home in the Kenai peninsula. Pray also that God blesses his ministry among this flock, that it grows in number and in Christlikeness to the glory of God.

## Announcements

*Directory Update:* We will soon be publishing an updated Church Directory. If your information has changed, or you would like to be in it, please let Pastor Ron know.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service.

### 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.