

Easter Sunday

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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

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**

Luke 24.1-9

***Song of Easter**

Hymn No. 276

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise again that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life. Yet too often we have chosen death over life. In thought, word, and deed we have rebelled against you and your will for us; we have broken fellowship with you, whose love is better than life; we have hurt others, intentionally and unintentionally; and we have damaged ourselves, who were created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake, and grant that your resurrection power might flow through us, that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 4.3, 23-25

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 286

WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING!

***Confession of Faith**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed¹

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“On the Third Day”
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 277

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

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.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

words Martin Luther, 1524
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854; alt.
music Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
alt. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -
3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in -
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of



giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from
tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was
gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree, so strong his love! to
vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and
heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil



heav - en; there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right
end - ed; Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed
save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death
lights us. By his grace he does im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine
leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
up by death, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er Hal - le - lu - jah!

- GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Hebrews 13.20-21

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!

The Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study is on break this month. It will resume Monday, May 4.

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 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "On the Third Day" (1 Corinthians 15.1-11)

Prayer Concerns

The God of Our Salvation: Isaiah writes, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation” (Is 12.2). In addition to healing, pray that this week *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Bryce Krueger, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* know the Lord’s strength and are filled with his peace.

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 Locken & Ojcius Families: Pray the Locken and Ojcius families know the Lord’s comfort as they mourn the death of Dave’s mom and Nichole’s grandmother, Nell Locken.

The Persecuted Church: There are 30,000 Christians out of 800,000 people in *Bhutan*, where everyone is expected to be a Buddhist. Converts are closely watched. Religious leaders, local communities, and families try to persuade converts to abandon the faith, and authorities refuse to issue certificates needed for jobs. Pray for those who convert to Christianity, that efforts to dissuade them will instead strengthen their faith. And pray the Lord opens and changes the hearts of those in authority through the gospel.

Valley Chapel: Pray for Rev. Paul Proctor, our church planter in Spokane Valley, that he leads the congregation well, that they grow in grace and truth, and that together they are used to touch and bless the lives of those around them with the good news of the gospel.

Announcements

Nominations Are Now Open: Members have until April 19 to nominate members to serve on the Pastor Search Committee (PSC). Please pass your nominations on to Pastor Ron. The elders will talk to each nominee to make sure they are willing and able to serve. Those who are will be announced May 3, and a Congregational Meeting to elect the PSC members will occur May 17.

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