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
Heavenly Father, since without your help we are unable to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, so that, putting away all bitterness and wrath, anger and malice, and every other evil affection, we may worship you in spirit and in truth, as we look with assured hope for the day of redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship** Psalm 148.1-14

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**
Hymn No. 38 *IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin
Almighty and all holy Father: We confess ourselves unworthy of your unspeakable gift. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we always been loving, kindhearted, and forgiving toward one another, as you, for Christ's sake, have been toward us. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have bestowed, we have not used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon Micah 7.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**
Hymn No. 296 *ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME*

***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[1]

[1] 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.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon "Who's the Beggar Now?"
Mark 5.1-20
Rev. Rick DeMass

***Song of Response**
Hymn No. 324 *CHRIST IS COMING! LET CREATION*

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) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the clear cups, grape juice in colored the cups. 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. 55 *TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction** Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

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.

The Women of Covenant: Book Club will meet again July 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Pilgrim's Progress,* by John Bunyan. That will be followed August 12 by a discussion of *Frankenstein,* by Mary Shelley. There are copies of both books in the church library if you would like to borrow them.

Sermon Notes: “Who’s the Beggar Now?” (Mark 5.1-20)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (RUF, Boise State University): Pray for Drew, who is on sabbatical this summer. Pray that it proves to be a wonderful time of rejuvenation for the coming school year as he devotes uninterrupted time to the Lord and to his family.

The Nearness of God: Jeremiah writes, "I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit…You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear'" (Lam 3.55, 57)! In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers,* and *Doreen Teall* know God's nearness this week and are kept from every fear.

The Persecuted Church: Though half the population of *Eritrea* belong to Christian churches, most of the churches are controlled by the nation's totalitarian regime. Evangelical churches meet underground, and the government actively infiltrates them and has arrested nearly 500 of their leaders under the harshest of conditions. Pray that the Lord provides for the needs of these prisoners and their families. Pray also that God continues to raise up faithful and courageous leaders in the church. And pray that the Lord changes the hearts of the Eritrean leadership, so that they grant greater liberty to all the Christian churches.

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

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

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.