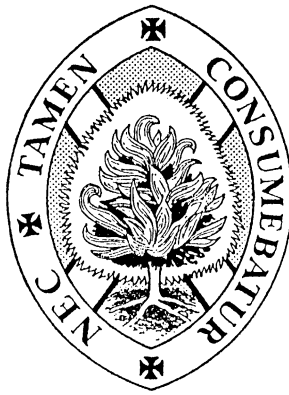


LORD'S DAY

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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

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

***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' Creed¹

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.

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.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Wisdom: It's Source; Traits; and Fruit”
Proverbs 31.10-31
Rev. Rick DeMass

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 723

COME AWAY TO THE SKIES

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. 498

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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.

Women of Covenant: Book Club meets this Wednesday August 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley; followed by a discussion of *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi, on September 16. Copies of both books are available in the church library, if you would like to borrow one.

Sermon Notes: “Wisdom: It’s Source; Traits; and Fruit” (Proverbs 31.10-31)

Prayer Concerns

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

Joy in the Trials: James writes, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness” (Jas 1.2-3). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, Rich Parker* and *Doreen Teall* have eyes to see the growth in character God is producing in them through the trials they are enduring.

The Persecuted Church: There are 1.4 million Christians out of 34 million people in *Saudi Arabia*, a nation governed by Islamic law where Saudi citizens are required to be Muslim, non-citizens of other faiths may only worship privately, and those who convert from Islam to Christianity are shunned. Pray for isolated believers who lack fellowship and opportunity for spiritual nurture and growth. Pray that Christian Saudis find ways to share the gospel with their families, and that many Muslim Saudis come to trust in Christ as their Savior.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Soldotna, AK): Praise God for the wonderful start Rev. Boldt has had among the saints in Soldotna. Pray for the congregation’s continued growth and witness within the community and throughout the Kenai Peninsula. May the Lord continue to be glorified as they seek to follow Christ and love one another as he loved them.

Announcements

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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.