

LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for
the sake of 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

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised;
great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable.

We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin
and the knowledge that you resist the proud.

Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you,
because you have made us for yourself
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good.
You alone know how often we have offended you:
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities.
Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults;
forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son.
And O most loving Father,
help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways,
in keeping with the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130.3-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 166

WONDROUS KING, ALL-GLORIOUS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 5.1-30

Sermon

“The Fruit of Righteousness”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

The Lord of Life, a Vine is He

words Mary Kay Beall 1991 (John 15:1-8)
music John Carter 1991 CCLI#2415226

1.The Lord of Life, a vine is He and graft - ed to Him we must be; and
2.If we be joined to Him, we know His strength and pow'r will help us grow. His
3.The vine is He, the bran - ches we for now and to e - ter - ni - ty, His
4.The Lord of Life, the Source Di - vine calls us to come, with Him en - twine. Will

thus we yield a - bun - dant - ly sweet fruit for all to taste and see.
Spir - it's grace through us will flow to prune and shape us as we go.
word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain... suf - fi - cien - cy.
we, un - hear - ing, dare de - cline the call of Christ, the one True Vine.

Worship of God with Tithes and Offering

**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

Confession of Faith

What is the place of good works in the life of the believer?

**Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,
are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith:
and by them believers show their thankfulness,
strengthen their assurance,
teach their brothers,
give credibility to their profession of the gospel,
stop the criticism from the adversaries,
and glory God, whose workmanship they are,
created in Christ Jesus for such purpose,
that, having their fruit of holiness,
they may have the end, eternal life.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 16.2

-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 church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are admitting 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. 524

THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day,
may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts,
that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love,
to the honor and praise of your Name;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Emily & Erika Leinweber

Next Week: Olivia Buob & Katie Leinweber

Sunday School:

Today: Judie Jud & Peter Early

Next Week: Sandy Miller & Janice VanderGriend

Weekly Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group meets on all but first Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This week the group will be studying Isaiah 6.1-13. All are invited!

Men's Group is studying Genesis on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Women's Group is studying 1 Peter on Fridays, at 1:00 PM, at the church. If you would like to learn more please contact Cherry Gonzales. All women are invited.

Prayer Concerns

Karl Hedine meets with the oncologist on Wednesday to discuss treatment options. Pray for wisdom as he and Renee consider how to proceed, as well as for peace as they wait on and trust in the Lord.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan) sent the following: "The conflict in Syria has lasted nearly four years. The official death toll is 200,000 and rising. Jordan has received some 700,000 refugees. Here at Annour Sanatorium we sometimes hear the faint sound of the shelling of Syrian towns just across the border. As we visit Syrian refugees, we hear many sad stories and the same questions repeated: 'What is the purpose of this evil? Is it only for a despotic ruler to cling to his seat? Is it merely for one evil nation to terrorize another? Who can bring an end to the death and destruction?' Their questions have opened doors for the gospel. Pray for us as we tell them about the only One who can rule in complete righteousness and justice on the earth; the only one who can atone for all our sins and empower us to forgive; the only One who promises to wipe away every tear; the only One who can give rest to our tired souls as we await His return."

Officer Nomination Process: Pray for Covenant as we go through this season of seeking God for the Leadership of the church; that we are both prayerful and attentive to his will.

Bret Reller is currently serving in Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 12 Anita Hamovitz

Officer Nominations: Do not forget, nominations of men to serve as elders and deacons must be made by February 11.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Friday, at 6:00 AM at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do and please let them know how they can pray for you.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."