

# LORD'S DAY

June 18, 2017



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

Dr. Ron Gonzales, Minister

Office: 5 W Alder St, Ste 237 Walla Walla, WA 99362

(509) 522-1020 E-mail: [office@covenantwallawalla.org](mailto:office@covenantwallawalla.org)

*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 113.1-9

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

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

*Hymn No. 54*

*HALLELUJAH! RAISE, O RAISE*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours, which have your Son, yet still lack confidence? Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace? Would health convince the ailing of your care? Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness? Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers? O God, our sin is ever before you. You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you. He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care; our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name; our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom; our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment. What more could be given to a people? What more could be done? Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins and give us confidence in the gift of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 49.15-16

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 167*

*WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES*

### **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-**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Galatians 3.1-5

### **Sermon**

"Finishing the Race"  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

## **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 524*

*THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST*

## **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.*

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

## **Confession of Faith**

How do we take part in the redemption purchased by Christ?

**We take part in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 29

## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward 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 of 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.

# \*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 - maind 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 - lowd  
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

2 Corinthians 13.14

### Postlude and Silent Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by your mercy and power protect us, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your most holy Name, and on the Great Day, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

---

### Our Nursery Helpers

#### Worship

*Today:* Erika and Katie Leinweber

*Next Week:* TBA

### Gatherings

*Kids' Quest* is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

*The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group*, led by Chad, meets at the Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group* is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in September.

*The Men's Group* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Ecclesiastes, and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

## **Sermon Notes: "Finishing the Race" (Galatians 3.1-5)**

1. Saved by the Spirit

2. Kept by the Spirit

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Andrew Allen* (our church planter in Soldotna, AK) is battling cancer. Pray the treatment he is receiving continues to help, and that he and Amy know God's peace during this time.

*Robert Fastenow* remains at Park Manor. Pray his rehab is effective, and he is kept in God's peace.

*Bob Shaver* (Rick Myers' father) is out of ICU and growing stronger each day. Pray the dialysis continues to help, and that Rick and his brothers find the right assisted living facility for him.

*Skip Sippert* is awaiting the pathology report on a biopsy done on his esophagus. Pray for strength for Skip, and that both he and Karen are kept in God's peace.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine): Alister will be teaching a class on Paul later this month at a seminary in Poltava. Pray God uses him to strengthen the church in Ukraine, and that God continues to protect and bless Alister and Sarah's marriage and family.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

June 18	Annie Carpenter
June 18	Nicolas Seabrands
June 21	Ryan Alden
June 24	Peter and Jenni Early

*Church Directory:* The updated directories are finished and are available downstairs. Please feel free to take as many of them as you like.

*New Budget:* The elders adopted a budget for our new fiscal year, which began May 1. It has been posted to our website on the Members page. If you need the password to view it, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He would be happy to give it to you.

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

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."