

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 devises are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 16

COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24-25

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

***Confession of Faith**

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 27

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ” (Rom 5.17).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 6.1-10

Sermon

“What Do You Mean It’s Not About Me?”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

words Johann Franck, 1655
music Eileen Davis 2008



1. Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure, tru - est Friend to
2. In thine arms I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me can - not reach me
• 3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee; fear, I bid thee
4. Hence with earth - ly trea - sure! Thou art all my plea - sure, Je - sus, all my
5. Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness Je - sus, en - ters



me: ah, how long in an - guish shall my spir - it lan - guish,
here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
• cease. World, thou shalt not harm me nor thy threats a - larm me
choice. Hence, thou emp - ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry,
in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may ga - ther,



yeam - ing, Lord, for thee? Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb!
Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;
• while I sing of peace. God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour;
told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss or shame or cross
still have peace with - in. Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer naught to hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
• earth and all its depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.
shall not from my Sav - ior move me, since he deigns to love me.
thou art still my pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure.

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

-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. 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. 294

THE GOLDEN GATES ARE LIFTED UP

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love and thirst for you that we, loving you and seeking you above all things, may obtain your promises, which far exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika and Emily Leinweber

Next Week: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

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 Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln), on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 12:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. 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 resumes its study of Exodus this Wednesday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "What Do You Mean It's Not About Me?" (1 Timothy 6.1-10)

1. More About Honoring Others (vv. 1-2)

2. The Danger of Turning Away from Christ's Words (vv. 3-10)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Pray the treatment Andrew is receiving continues to show good results, that it has an arresting effect on the cancer, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

Christian Aid Center cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

Oaks Parish: Pray for the Rev. Bryan Buck, our church-planter in southeast Portland, that God strengthens and uses him as he preaches the gospel in word and deed.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

July 8	Clint and Elizabeth Miller
July 10	Sandy and Nicole Miller
July 13	Caleb Early
July 13	Katherine Early

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow evening. If you would like to help, either in preparing or serving the meal, please let Janice Vander Griend know.

Church Directory: Draft copies of the new directory are available for your perusal during the Coffee Hour. Please note any corrections or additions that should be made.

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

Explanation of the 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."