

# 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**

All-knowing and all-caring God,  
we gather this day drained by another week.  
We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment.  
Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit,  
and bathe us in your streams of living water,  
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you  
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen.

—based on John 4.13-14; 7.37-38

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 93.1-5

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 75*

*O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN*

## -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

Romans 8.31-32

### \*Song of Praise to Christ

## Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

words Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.  
music Martin F. Shaw, 1935; arr. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
2. Sound-eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name; ring - eth the  
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy; ev - er de -  
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb; take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more give ye to him who our bat - tle hath  
earth with his glo - ry and fame; o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est and  
scend - eth the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was



won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
praise, this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
slain, dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

How and why did God create us?

**God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 4

## **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**

Luke 7.1-17

### **Sermon**

“The Passions of Christ”  
Elder Jacob Schroeder, Pastoral Intern

### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 529*

*LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING*

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<sup>1</sup> “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Gen 1.27).

## 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. 173*

*PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Closing 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.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Collie Parsons

*Next Week:* Nicole Miller

### **Gatherings**

*A Children's Catechism Class*, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group* led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is currently studying Exodus and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

*Psalm Sing* is not meeting tonight. It will resume next Sunday, February 3, at 6:30 PM at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Lane). All ages and voices are invited.

*The Women's Study:* A study of the Book of Acts, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Church (childcare is provided), and all are welcome.

## **Sermon Notes: "The Passions of Christ" (Luke 7.1-17)**

1. The Faith of the Centurion (vv. 1-8)

2. The Amazement of Jesus (vv. 9-10)

3. The Compassion of Jesus (vv. 11-17)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* continues to gain strength and show signs of improvement. Pray for complete healing, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

*Christ Central Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church planter in Corvallis, that God strengthens and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and the church he is planting.

*Tom & Melissa Manning* are on sabbatical in Boise through the end of next month. Pray that God uses this time to refresh and prepare them for their return to Turkey in March.

## **Announcements**

### *Birthdays this Week*

January 27	Eric Carpenter
February 1	Janice Vander Griend
February 2	Kevin and Laura Chabre

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

### **Explanation of 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.