

# LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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**

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5

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

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

*Hymn No. 53*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

## **-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****The Heavens Declare Thy Glory**

From Psalm 19:1-6, 14

Lyrics by Thomas R. Birks

Music by Brian Moss



1. The heav'ns de-clare thy glo - ry, the fir - ma-ment thy pow'r.  
 2. The sun with roy - al splen - dor goes forth to chant thy praise,  
 3. All heav'n on high re - joic - es to do its Mak - er's will.



Day un - to day the sto - ry re - peats from hour to hour.  
 And moon-beams soft and ten - der their gent - ler an - them raise.  
 The stars with sol - emn voic - es re - sound thy prais - es still.



Night un - to night re - ply - ing pro - claims in ev - ery land,  
 O'er ev - ery tribe and na - tion the mu - sic strange is poured,  
 So let my whole be - hav - ior, thoughts, words, and ac - tions be,



O Lord with voice un - dy - ing the won - ders of thy hand.  
 The song of all cre - a - tion to thee, cre - a - tion's Lord.  
 O Lord my strength my Sav - ior, one cease - less song to Thee.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

What does the law of God require?

**Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 7

## **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 8.1-15

### **Sermon**

“The Secrets of the Kingdom”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

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

*Hymn No. 347*

*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION*

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<sup>1</sup> And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Mt 22.37-40).

## **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.*

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### **-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.

#### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

### 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.

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### Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

*Today:* Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

### 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* meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). 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 Secrets of the Kingdom" (Luke 8.1-15)**

1. A Not So Minor Footnote

2. The Usual Application of the Parable

3. The Real Point of the Parable and Why Jesus Told It

## **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.

*Mike Givens* is dealing with swelling in both wrists. Pray for relief from the pain, that the problem can be easily treated, and that he is kept in God's peace.

*Chris and Mary Granberry (White Swan):* Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they share the gospel with the Yakama people. May their words and deeds bring hope and healing to many on the reservation.

*Vickie Myers:* Pray that Vickie's response to the re-placement of the J-tube continues to go well and that another procedure is unnecessary.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

February 19	Ena Crow
February 19	Nicole Miller

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, 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 and your family.

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