

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

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-4, 11-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-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

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

***Confession of Faith**

What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment they receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 28

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.

¹“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son... Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them” (John 3.16-18, 36).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 14.1-24

Sermon

“Where Pride Leads”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

O How the Grace of God Amazes Me

Emmanuel T. Sibomana, 1946
translated, F. Barff



1.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my
 2.My God has chos - en me, though one of nought, to sit be - side my
 3.Not for my right - eous - ness, for I have none, but for His merc - y's
 4.And when I think of how, at Cal - va - ry, he bore sin's pe - nal -
 5.Now all my heart's de - sire is to a - bide in Him, my Sav - ior
 6.Lord Je - sus, hear my prayer, Your grace im - part; When e - vil thoughts a -
 7.Come now, the whole of me, eyes, ears, and voice, join me, cre - a - tion
 8.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my



bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?
 King in heav - en's court. hear what my Lord has done,
 • sake, Je - sus, God's Son, suf - fered on Cal - vary's tree;
 ty in - stead of me. a - mazed, I won - der why
 dear, in Him to hide, my shield and buck - ler He,
 • rise through Sat - an's art, O, drive them all a - way
 all, with joy - ful noise: Praise Him who broke the chain
 bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?



His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.
 O the love that made Him run to meet His er - ring son! This has God wrought.
 • cru - ci - fied with thieves was He; Great was his grace to me, His way - ward one.
 He, the sin - less One, should die for one so vile as I; My Sav - ior He!
 cov' - ring and pro - tect - ing me; from Sat - an's darts I'll be safe at His side.
 • and do You from day to day, keep me be - neath Your sway, King of my heart.
 hold - ing me in sin's do - main and set me free a - gain! Sing and re - joice!
 His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.

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.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we might be strengthened with power through the Spirit in our inner being, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3.16-19

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: N/A

Next Week: N/A

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, is meeting this summer at the Curfman's (1123 Olive 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 studying Revelation 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 on break for the month of July.

The Women's Study is on break for the summer.

Sermon Notes: "Where Pride Leads" (Luke 14.1-24)

1. A Disregard for Human Suffering
2. A Preoccupation with Self-Promotion
3. An Inflated View of God's Opinion

Prayer Concerns

Brian & Gail Frey: After eight years of faithful service at Boise State University, Brian has passed the RUF ministry off to a new campus minister and is beginning the work of planting Boise Presbyterian Church (PCA) in downtown Boise. Pray for strength and direction as Brian gives himself to this new venture.

Tom & Melissa Manning will spend the next two weeks with their children and newborn grandchildren before returning to Turkey on July 29. Pray for God's blessing over their time together, and for their transition back to the field where, having received an extended visa, they will finally be able to set down some roots.

Rick Myers is recovering from shoulder and arm surgery. Pray for continued healing, for freedom from pain, and for increased strength and mobility.

Announcements

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray 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 would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and fellowship.

Explanation of the 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.