

LORD'S DAY

August 18, 2019



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Dr. Ron Gonzales, Minister

66 S Palouse St | Walla Walla, WA 99362

(509) 522-1020 Email: office@covenantwallawalla.org

*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

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 57

HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH, O MY SOUL

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Across the Lands

words Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend: arr. Ruth Coleman
 CCLI #2415226



1.You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan; Ev-'ry
 2.Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, And ex-
 3.With a shout You rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave, And as-



star and ev-'ry plan-et__ has been fash-ioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-
 changed the joy of Heav-en__ for the an-guish of a cross With a prayer You fed the
 cend-ed in-to Heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in Your way. Now You stand be-fore the



geth-er by the pow-er of Your voice. Let the skies de-clare Your
 hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea; Yet how si-lent-ly You
 Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for Your own; From each tribe and tongue and



glo-ry;__ let the land and seas re-joice.
 suf-fered, that the guilt-y may go free. You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, You're the
 na-tion__ You are lead-ing sin-ners home.



Lord of ev-'ry man, and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands._____

***Confession of Faith**

Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 33

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17.1-19

Sermon

“Faith and Discipleship”
Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 551

HOW BLEST IS HE WHOSE TREPASS

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

¹ Galatians 2.16 “Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

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. 481

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Nicole Miller

Gatherings

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 meets tonite at 6:30PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Faith and Discipleship" (Luke 17.1-19)

1. Disciples are Saved by Faith

2. Disciples Serve their Master

3. Disciples Submit to Discipline

Prayer Concerns

Allister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they continue to make ready their plans to plant a church in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God grants them opportunities to befriend and share the gospel with unbelievers.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jeff Glover was just called and will soon be installed as the church planter/pastor of the church in Soldotna, AK. Pray for a smooth transition and a long, effective ministry.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

August 18 Cherry Gonzales

August 18 Tom Klicker

August 21 Nancy Hoeft

How to Interpret the Bible: We needed 10 and 11 signed up. The class is go! Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman will be teaching a ten-week class on interpreting the Bible, on Mondays, beginning October 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested talk to Pastor Ron or Ronnie.

Nursery Help Needed: We are looking for a few more adults who are willing to help in the nursery on a rotating basis during worship and, if need be, our Sunday school hour. Contact Nicole Miller.

Vacation: Pastor Ron is on vacation the next three weeks. If you have an immediate need, Ronnie Curfman and the elders welcome your call.

Women of Covenant: Do you need encouragement? Do you need vision for persevering through challenges? See what the Epistle of James has to say about it. The study will meet Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel, beginning in October, and childcare will be provided. For more information, please talk to Christina McBean or Cherry Gonzales.

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.