

LORD'S DAY
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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

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 113.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 54

HALLELUJAH! RAISE, O RAISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Praise has often been praiseless sound. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection, yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed; that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery, 1821; alt. 1990
music Henry Smart, 1863

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er
 2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful
 4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall

Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be -
 wrong; to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be
 earth; and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to
 rest, from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all -

gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 strong; to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 birth; be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 blessed; the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re -

free, — to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in equ - i - ty.
 light, — whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 go; — and right - eous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 move; his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is Love.

***Confession of Faith**

How can we glorify God?

We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 6

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

Revelation 2.12-17

Sermon

“Truth on the Scaffold”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

¹ “You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always” (Deut 11.1).

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 rings 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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Janice Vander Griend

Next Week: Emily Leinweber

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Ronnie Curfman and Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Tuesday Night Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying Revelation, considering each passage before it is preached. All are welcome.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

The Men's Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is studying Joshua 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.

The Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales and Christina McBean, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel. They are beginning a study of 1 Peter this week. All women are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "Truth on the Scaffold" (Revelation 2.12-17)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in downtown Boise, that God blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

Jay & Bet Denton (Boise State University): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they seek to share Christ with students on the campus—may God lead them to many whose hearts are open—and as they disciple those who want to grow in the faith.

Mike Givens is recovering and rehabbing from surgery at Regency at the Park. Pray that it continues to go well, and that he knows God’s presence and is strengthened in his grace during this time.

Tom Manning: Pray for wisdom as Tom chooses a course of treatment for his lymphoma, that it is effective in eradicating it, and that he is strengthened daily by the presence and grace of God.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 11	Clint Miller
February 12	Anita Hamovitz

Supper & Singing: The Schroeders will be hosting a light supper and Psalm/Hymn Sing next Sunday, February 16. Dinner will be at 5:30, followed by singing at 6:30. Side dishes or desserts are welcome but not required. Soup and bread will be provided.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain the Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.