

# 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**

Glorious Lord, it is the passion of our lives to worship you, the crown and glory of our souls to adore you. Enable us by your Spirit to do so now, that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-3, 10

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 2*

*O WORSHIP THE KING*

## **Confession of Faith**

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 30

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32.1-2, 5

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<sup>1</sup> “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2.20).

## **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-**

#### **Sermon**

“The Purpose of Human Woe”

Revelation 8.6-9.21

Rev. Ron Gonzales

## **Reflection and the 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**

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking 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 but commend to you instead 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. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

\*Please stand if able.

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**Sermon Notes: "The Purpose of Human Woe" (Revelation 8.6-9.21)**

## Prayer Concerns

*The Persecuted Church:* There are approximately 300,000 Christians out of 26 million people who live in *North Korea*. It is the most dangerous country in the world to be a Christian. If discovered, they are deported to labor camps as political criminals or killed on the spot. Pray for endurance and courage for those who are suffering in labor camps. Pray that God sustains them in their faith. Pray that continued diplomatic efforts result in religious freedom for the underground church. And pray that God turns the hearts of Kim Jong-un and the country's leaders to himself.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna AK, as he trains men to serve as elders and deacons who will share in the church's leadership.

*Sufficient Grace:* The Lord said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12.9). Pray that *Eric Carpenter, Roberta Haer, Lori Jud, Tom Manning, Clint Miller & Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might discover this as well, as each is keenly aware of their own weakness right now and in need of God's strengthening grace.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine):* Pray for the Torrens as they give themselves to planting a new church in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God blesses their efforts at reaching out to unbelievers around them.

*Western Christians:* Pray that we and other Christians from affluent countries in the West will learn through what we are currently experiencing to seek God above all else, and to regard him as our truest and only lasting treasure.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

July 27 Nathaniel Seabrandts  
July 28 Abigail Carpenter  
August 1 John McBean

*Vacation:* Pastor Ron will be on vacation the next two weeks. In his absence, Rev. Jay Denton, the RUF minister at Boise State University, will preach August 2, and Rev. Pete Williamson, a PCA minister serving with Great Commandment Ministries in Tieton WA, will preach August 9. The Lord's Supper will be served both Sundays and, following next week's service, there will be time to get to know Jay and hear what God is doing in and through RUF on the Boise State campus.

### Explanation of the 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 NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."