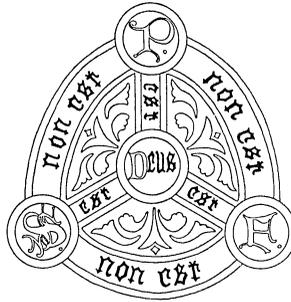


LORD'S DAY

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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

O God, who was and is and ever shall be, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: Age after age the living seek you and find that there is no end to your faithfulness. Our fathers walked by your guidance and trusted in your compassion. Continue to be for us the cloud by day and the fire by night. Where but in you have we a shelter from the storm or a shadow from the heat of day? In our temptations, you alone know and are near. In sorrow, your pity revives the fainting soul; in prosperity and ease, it is your Spirit alone that can preserve us in humility. O Unfailing Supply of Peace and Righteousness, take now the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion with the prophets and saints who have trusted in you and were not ashamed; for we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 18.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

Confession of Faith

What do we believe by true faith?

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 31

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who raised from the dead the Lord Jesus, we acknowledge we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit our eyes have been kept from discerning his presence with us. Through disappointment our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard his Word. We have not trusted in his redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the good news of his victory over death and the things that belong to our peace. But in penitence we now come, beseeching your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us pardon from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of your salvation, for the sake of Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

¹ "I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1.15-16

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Christian Growth in Times of Trouble”

Psalm 46.1-11

Rev. Jay Denton

RUF Minister, Boise State University

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. 689

BE STILL, MY SOUL

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes: "Christian Growth in Times of Trouble" (Psalm 46.1-11)

1. God is Growing Our Hearts (vv. 1-7)

2. God is Growing His Glory (vv. 8-11)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in downtown Boise, as he gives himself to establishing this new work.

Rev. Jay & Bet Denton (Boise State): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they prepare for the coming school year with all the challenges the Coronavirus and fewer in-person students brings. Pray for effective outreach and discipleship in the year ahead.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery is meeting this Tuesday in Tacoma for a special called-meeting. Pray for those attending and for the work they have to do, that the Lord will be honored and the church blessed.

The Persecuted Church: There are only a few thousand Christians out of the 37 million people who live in *Afghanistan*, a tribal society where loyalty to one's family, clan and tribe are extremely important. It is also an Islamic society; it is illegal for an Afghan to leave Islam. Those who decide to follow Christ often do so in secret, for pressure from family, friends and neighbors is great. Pray for these Christians to have courage and perseverance. Pray for a softening of the country's leadership, that conversion from Islam might be permitted. And pray for the spread of the gospel through secret believers and the underground church.

Replenished Souls: The Lord promised his people of old amidst their suffering, "I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish" (Jer 31.25). Pray that *Eric Carpenter, Roberta Haer, Lori Jud, Tom Manning, Clint & Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might know the Lord's presence and replenishment this week.

Announcements

Directory Update: We will be printing an updated church directory later this month. If your information has changed, or you would like to be in the directory, please let us know.

Getting Acquainted with Jay: We would invite you to remain in the sanctuary after the service for a time to get to know Jay and to hear what God is doing through RUF at Boise State University.

Prayer Meeting: On Tuesday, August 11, at 5:15 PM, we will meet in the sanctuary to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.