

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Confession of Faith

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 35

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.10-12

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Tit 3.4-6).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God”
Revelation 11.15-19
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. 369

SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes: "The Kingdom of God" (Revelation 11.15-19)

Prayer Concerns

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

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they care for the Yakama people. May their words and deeds convey the love of Christ and the life and hope offered in the gospel. And may God grant many the faith to lay hold of it.

The Nearness of God: Jeremiah writes, “I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit...You came near when I called on you; you said, ‘Do not fear!’” (Lam 3.55, 57). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Roberta Haer, Tom Manning, Clint & Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might know God’s nearness this week and be kept from every fear.

The Persecuted Church: Nearly half of the 5.3 million people in *Eritrea* (a country in northeast Africa) are Christians, but the authoritarian regime, which favors Muslims, is responsible for enormous human rights violations against them. Christians are considered agents of the West and a threat to the state. Many have been imprisoned for years. Pray for endurance for those suffering so; ask God to give them perseverance in their faith. Pray for unity among God’s people, that they would see themselves as one church family, regardless of their circumstances. And pray for the governmental leaders, that God would work in their hearts and reveal to them the truth of the gospel.

Announcements

Home Fellowship Group will be resuming in September (date to be announced), hosted by the Leinwebers and led by Pastor Ron. Please let us know if you are interested.

Ladies, Missing Time Together to “Just Be?” Please join us for some outdoor fellowship in our shady yard at 7934 Mill Creek Road; 10:00 on two Saturday mornings: September 5, and 26 (weather permitting). There will be some safely prepared refreshments, coffee and tea, and space to safely enjoy each other. Bring a mask in case it’s needed, but while out in the fresh air, they won’t be needed! If you have a portable lawn chair, please bring that as well, but mostly just bring your lovely selves to enjoy each other and God in His creation.

—*Your Women’s Ministry Team (Chris McBean, Jenni Early, and Cherry Gonzales)*

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.”