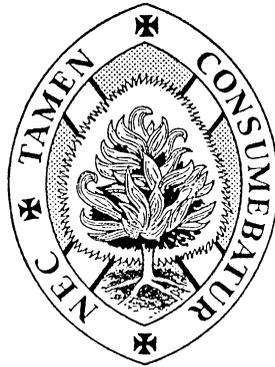


LORD'S DAY  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

**-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

**Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 29.10-13

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 167*

*WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within; in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Exodus 33.17-19; 34.6-7

### **Confession of Faith**

What is baptism?

**Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 44

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<sup>1</sup> “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matt 28.19).

## **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 Lament of Heaven and Earth”  
Revelation 18.1-24  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

## **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. 500*

*ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

\*Please stand if able.

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**Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying Revelation and all are welcome.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*Prayer Meeting*: We meet the second Tuesday of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and for the world. Please join us.

**Sermon Notes: "The Lament of Heaven and Earth" (Revelation 18.1-24)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Jay & Bet Denton* (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they engage students on the Boise State campus, that God leads them to many who are hungry to respond to the gospel and eager to grow in grace.

*Our National Election*: Pray that God's purposes are accomplished in Tuesday's election, that we respectfully accept his will in the choice of our leaders, and that we commit ourselves to faithfully pray for them and for the healing of our nation.

*The Clint Miller Family*: Pray for Elizabeth and Fran, and the entire Miller Family as they grieve the passing of Clint, that they are kept in God's comfort and peace.

*The Persecuted Church*: There are some 200,000 Christians out of 40 Million people in *Iraq*. Many are still recovering from the brutal reign of ISIS. For others that threat has not yet diminished, as ISIS still has places of safety in northern Iraq from which they continue to attack Christians. Additionally, Iraq remains very tribal, which can mean significant pressure for believers who come from Muslim tribes, as conversion to Christianity is seen as a rejection of heritage and family. Pray for Christians who are rebuilding their communities and churches. Pray for those who are recovering from trauma, that God will give them peace and hope. And pray for pastors who are desperately needed to care for and feed the saints in this wear-torn place.

*Stayed in Perfect Peace*: Isaiah reminded the Israelites of God's faithfulness, out of which God's people are to live: "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock" (Is 26.3-4). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* are kept in God's perfect peace this week as they trust in their everlasting rock.

## **Announcements**

*Vacation*: Pastor Ron will be on vacation the next two weeks. Ronnie Curfman will preach on Galatians 2 next Sunday, and Jacob Schroeder will preach on 1 John 2 on November 15.

*Visitors*: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you. If you have time, please linger after the service so we can get acquainted.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."