

**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, as we gather in your name, we pray for your blessing. 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 comfort. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 147.1-5

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 46*

*PRAISE TO GOD*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, we come to you as your sons and your servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, yet aware of our continuing need of your grace. We confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. We acknowledge our guilt and recognize that we rightly fall under your curse and judgment. Blot out our transgressions, wash away our iniquities, forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy on us, O Lord; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2.4-7

### **Confession of Faith**

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

**No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 45

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<sup>1</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3.16).

## Prayer for the Church and the World

### -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

#### Sermon

“The Rock in a Hard Place”

Galations 2.11-16

Pastor Ronnie Curfman

#### 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**

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THE LOVE OF GOD

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

\*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 Rock in a Hard Place" (Gal 2.11-16)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*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 hope of the gospel to many. And may the Lord grant faith to lay hold of it.

*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.

*Peace in Christ:* Jesus said to his disciples, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16.33). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might be sustained by the peace of Christ no matter the difficulties in the week ahead.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 16 million Christians out of 101 million people who live in *Egypt*. Many encounter substantial roadblocks to living out their faith. There are violent attacks, but there are also quieter, more subtle forms of duress that burden Egyptian believers. In rural areas in the North, Christians have been chased from villages and subjected to mob violence and intense familial and community pressure. This is particularly felt by those who convert from Islam. Pray for those who have been injured by violent attacks, for the healing of their hearts, minds, and bodies. Pray for unity in the Egyptian church, that Christians of all backgrounds would see themselves as belonging to God's family. And pray that God would soften the hearts of extremists and government leaders, that Jesus' name would be known.

*Post November 3:* Now that the election is behind us, pray for those whom the Lord has called to lead us, that they might aspire to truth and righteousness. And pray that God heals our nation of the deep divisions that separate us from one another.

## **Announcements**

*Vacation:* Pastor Ron continues vacation next week. Jacob Schroeder will preach on 1 John 2.

*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**

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."