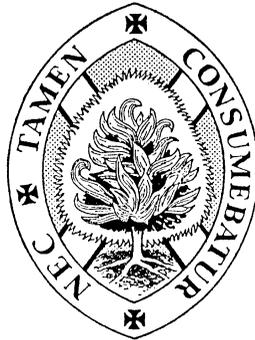


**LORD'S DAY**  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

- — Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-3, 10

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 115*

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING*

## **-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**

1 Peter 1.18-19

### **Confession of Faith**

How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

**There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.<sup>1</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 6

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

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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” (Mt 28.19).

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“For the Glory of God”

1 Kings 7.1-51

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. We will 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 Dedication**

*Hymn No. 585*

*TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE*

## -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 on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying 1 Kings and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited!

*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 and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

*The Women's Ministry Study*, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying the Psalms of Ascent (120-134), on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. (Morning coffee provided!) All women are invited.

**Sermon Notes: "For the Glory of God" (1 Kings 7.1-51)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church:* Rev. Craig Harris began planting a church in Yakima this past summer. Pray for God's blessing as he gives himself to this new work. May the Lord use it to draw many to himself, establishing them in the grace of the gospel.

*Consolations to Cheer the Soul:* The Psalmist says of the Lord, "When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul" (Ps 94.19). In addition to strength and healing, pray that the lives and souls of *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Del Klicker, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might be gladdened by the Lord as they look to him this week.

*Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan):* Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number come to saving faith.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are nearly 2 million Christians out of 21 million people in *Sri Lanka*. Last year the southeast Asian country saw one of the world's largest terrorist attacks since September 11, when radicals carried out eight suicide bombings at targets that included three churches on Easter Sunday, claiming almost 300 lives, most of them Christians. Persecution typically stems from radical Buddhist and Hindu groups that harass and discriminate against converts to Christianity. Pray for the families that lost loved ones in last year's Easter attacks, that they would know God's comfort and strength. Pray for the children who lost their parents in the attacks. And pray for protection from further attacks on Christians and Christian churches.

## **Announcements**

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and are eager to 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."

