

# Palm Sunday

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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**

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Zechariah 9.9-10

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

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

*Hymn No. 237*

*RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Zechariah 9.16-17

### **Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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.

I 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. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed

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

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

### **Sermon**

“Walking in the Way”  
1 Kings 13.11-34  
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.

# \*Song of Thanksgiving

## Before the Throne of God Above

C. Bancroft, V. Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my  
ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten in His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His



heart, I know that, while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don  
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## -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: "Walking in the Way" (1 Kings 13.11-34)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Boise Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in downtown Boise, that God strengthens and directs him each day as he labors to establish this young congregation.

*God's Right Hand:* David prays, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me" (Ps 138.7). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Del Klicker, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, Vickie Myers, and Samantha Schroeder* might know the Lord's preserving and delivering hand this week.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 173,000 Christians out of 83 million people in *Turkey*, a country whose main religion, Islam, is enmeshed with fanatical nationalism. Following an attempted coup in 2016, Turkey remains in a tense situation. Fierce rhetoric from the government has left little room for other voices, including the Christian church. The general opinion is that a true Turk is a Muslim. Pressured to return to Islam, Christian converts experience persecution from family, friends and community. Pray for believers who face bias against their faith, that they would not give up meeting together and studying the Word. Pray that they will find ways to share Christ with their friends and family. And pray that pastors are filled with wisdom and boldness as they minister to their congregations and look for opportunities to plant churches.

*Tom & Melissa Manning* (Turkey) continue to reach out to those who contacted them through the Saturation Outreach this past fall. Pray the Lord goes before them in each conversation, preparing hearts and granting faith to many. Pray as well that Tom and Melissa's residence visa will be renewed, and that Tom continues to feel well and that his cancer remains in remission.

## **Announcements**

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