

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

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 89

GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groanings, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned; to you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. Turn your face again, O Lord, upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray. Assure pardon for our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving-kindness and mercy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2, 5

*Song of Praise to Christ

Beautiful Savior (All My Days)

Stuart Townend, 1996 Thankyou Music
CCLI# 2415226



1. All my days I will sing this song of glad-ness, give my
2. I will trust in the cross of my Re-deem-er; I will
3. I long to be where the praise is nev-er end-ing; Yearn to



praise to the Foun-tain of de-lights; for in my help-less-ness You
sing of the blood that nev-er fails, of sins for-giv-en, of
dwell where the glo-ry nev-er fades, Where count-less wor-ship-ers will



heard my cry, and waves of mer-cy poured down on my life.
con-science cleansed, of death de-feat-ed and life with-out end.
share one song, and cries of "wor-thy" will hon-or the Lamb!



Beau-ti-ful Sav-iour, Won-der-ful Coun-sel-or clothed in maj-es-ty, Lord of



his-to-ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morn-ing, glo-ri-ous in



ho-li-ness, You're the Ris-en One, heav-en's Cham-pi-on, and you reign, You



reign o-ver all!

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(3.1)

Confession of Faith

Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?

Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.¹

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 13

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

"Good and Evil"
1 Kings 15.1-24
Rev. Ron Gonzales

¹ "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden...Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Gen 3.6-8, 13). "See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes" (Ecc 7.29).

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.

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

-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**

Hymn No. 705

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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: "Good and Evil" (1 Kings 15.1-24)

Prayer Concerns

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

The Haer Family: Pray for the family of *Roberta Haer* as they grieve her death. May they be kept in God's peace as they look to him.

I Will Sing: David prayed, "I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress" (Ps 59.16). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, Vickie Myers, and Samantha Schroeder's* hearts might be tuned to sing of the Lord's steadfast love and faithfulness each and every day.

The Klicker Family: Pray for the Klicker family as they mourn the death of *Del*. Pray that they know God's comfort amidst their loss.

Tom and Melissa Manning (Turkey) continue to reach out with the gospel to Arab speaking refugees living around them. Pray the Lord goes before them, preparing hearts and granting faith to many. Pray as well that their residence visa will be renewed and that Tom, whose cancer is in remission, continues to feel well.

The Persecuted Church: There are 3 million Christians out of 32 million people living in *Malaysia*, a southeast Asian country that expects every ethnic Malay to be Muslim. Whoever deviates from this is viewed as going against the constitution and society at large. Roman Catholics and Methodists are watched by authorities, but non-traditional Protestants are more often targeted, as they tend to be more active in testifying about their faith. Pray that believers are strengthened and encouraged in their commitment to Christ, despite the fear of being targeted. Pray for new believers who are often kicked out of their homes and sent to re-education camps in an attempt to dissuade them. And pray for political and social stability that will lead to religious freedom.

Announcements

Financial Update & New Budget: The March Financial Statement and Budget for the new fiscal year, which begins in May, has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.