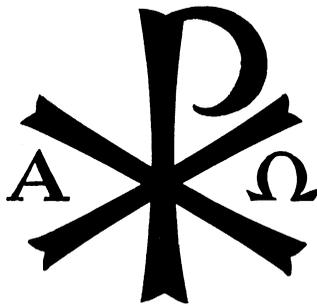


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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O God, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I do, for I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love and love you in finding.

-Ambrose of Milan, AD 339-397

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Praise has often been praiseless sound. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection, yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed; that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

*Song of Praise to Christ

Across the Lands

words Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend: arr. Ruth Coleman
 CCLI #2415226



1.You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan; Ev-'ry
 2.Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost, And ex-
 3.With a shout You rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave, And as-



star and ev-'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to -
 changed the joy of Heav-en for the an-guish of a cross With a prayer You fed the
 cend-ed in-to Heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in Your way. Now You stand be-fore the



geth-er by the pow-er of Your voice. Let the skies de-clare Your
 hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea; Yet how si-lent-ly You
 Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for Your own; From each tribe and tongue and



glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice.
 suf-fered, that the guilt-y may go free. You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, You're the
 na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home.



Lord of ev-'ry man, and Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands._____

Confession of Faith

Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his descendants, all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.¹

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 16

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

"Fearing the LORD Greatly"

1 Kings 18.1-16

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.

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

¹ "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Rom 5.12). "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor 15.21-22).

-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.

*Song of Commitment

Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

words Frances Havergal, 1865
music Eileen Davis 2007



1. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whose I am, pur - chased thine a - lone to be
2. Je - sus, Mas - ter, I am thine; keep me faith - ful, keep me near;
3. Je - sus, Mas - ter, whom I serve, though so fee - bly and so ill,
4. Lord, thou need - est not, I know, ser - vice such as I can bring;



by thy blood, O spot - less Lamb, shed so will - ing - ly for me,
let thy pres - ence in me shine all my home - ward way to cheer.
strength - en hand and heart and nerve all thy bid - ding to ful - fil.
yet I long to prove and show full al - le - giance to my King.



let my heart be all thine own, let me live to thee a - lone.
Je - sus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.
O - pen thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.
Thou an hon - or art to me: let me be a praise to thee.



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-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

1 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: "Fearing the LORD Greatly" (1 Kings 18.1-16)

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.

Jay & Bet Denton (BSU): As the school year has come to an end, pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they plan for the coming year and as they minister to the students that remain in Boise over the summer. May God use them now and in the year ahead to help many come to know the Savior and grow in Christian discipleship.

Fear's Alternative: David prayed, "When I am afraid I put my trust in you" (Ps 56.3). In addition to strength and healing, pray that this week *Sandy Cupilillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller,* and *Vickie Myers* would put their trust in the Lord whenever they are inclined to fear.

The Persecuted Church: There are 42 million Christians out of 52 million people in *Kenya*. Though it is a majority-Christian nation, a growing threat of Islamic radicalism exists, particularly in the northeast and coastal regions where there is a strong al-Shabab presence. Converts in these parts of the country live under constant threat of attack, even from their closest relatives. Organized corruption and crime are also serious problems, often leading to acts of persecution. Pray for the church, that it would grow in strength and Christlikeness through the suffering it is enduring. Pray for new believers who are sometimes lured away from the faith by economic enticements. And pray for those who have suffered severe trauma in the targeted attacks.

Announcements

Interested in Studying Jesus' Words with Your Sisters This Summer? Covenant Women will begin a study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), led by Jenni Early, on June 1. The group will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 AM, each Tuesday, in the Coffee Hour room, through August. All women are welcome. Please come whenever you are able. Copies of the Passage and some guiding questions will be available on the literature table beginning next week.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.