

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness: Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.8-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1.7-8

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Confession of Faith

Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.¹

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 17

Prayer for the Church and the World

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).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Showdown at Mount Carmel”

1 Kings 18.17-46

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 Response**

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YOU ARE THE LORD!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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 Covenant Women's Study, led by Jenni Early, is studying the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), on Tuesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. All women are welcome, and copies of the passage and questions for next week are available on the literature table.

Sermon Notes: "Showdown at Mount Carmel" (1 Kings 18.17-46)

Prayer Concerns

God Hears Our Every Cry: “The psalmist prayed, “I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live” (Ps 116.1-2). In addition to strength and healing, pray that this week *Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might be assured of God’s attentive care.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): The Sacred Road team had to cancel the summer teams at White Swan due to State Covid regulations, but are able to host a few teams on the Warm Springs reservation in Oregon. Pray for them as they serve the community and work with the children, that they have many opportunities to share the love and truth of Christ. Pray as well for their church facility in White Swan. They just learned that their well is collapsing and they need to drill another as soon as funds are available.

The Persecuted Church: There are 30,000 Christians out of 800,000 people in *Bhutan*, a country in the eastern Himalayas, bordered by China to the north and India to the south. All Bhutanese citizens are expected to follow Buddhism. Converts to Christianity are watched with suspicion. Religious leaders, the local community, and families try to persuade converts to abandon their Christian faith. Local authorities refuse to issue Christians certificates needed for jobs and loans. Pray for those who convert from the Buddhist faith, that efforts to persecute will instead strengthen and unite them. Pray for those who face strong pressure from family and friends to recant their faith, that they might be strengthened in their commitment to Christ. And pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of those in authority, making them receptive to the gospel.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he shepherds the flock and trains men as officers who will help him do the same.

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, this Tuesday. 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 are available on the literature table.

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