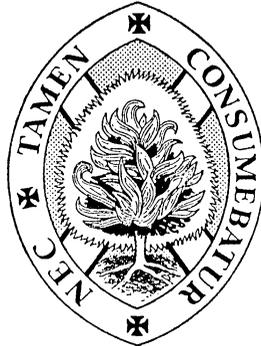


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 113.1-3

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 12*

*EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 43.14a, 25

### **\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 253*

*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD*

## Confession of Faith

What is the sinfulness of that estate into which man fell?

**The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell consists of: the guilt of Adam's first sin, the lack of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, together with all actual transgressions that proceed from it.<sup>1</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 18

## 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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...For as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous" (Rom 5.12, 19). "As you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" (Eph 2.1-3). "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death" (Jas 1.14-15). "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander" (Mt 15.19).

## -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

### Sermon

“The Way of the Whisper”

1 Kings 19.1-18

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 prayer 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.

### \*Song of Faith in God

*Hymn No. 94*

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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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 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: "The Way of the Whisper" (1 Kings 19.1-18)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church:* Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessings as he gives himself to this new work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

*An Eternal Weight of Glory:* Paul describes the experience of every Christian when he writes, "Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Cor 4.16-18). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* have their eyes fixed on the eternal good that God is doing in them and is preparing them for.

*Tom & Melissa Manning,* our missionaries to Turkey, have returned to the States, where Tom is receiving cancer treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. Pray the treatment proves effective in defeating the cancer and that both Tom and Melissa know God's strength and peace as they go through this.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 118 million professing Christians out of 144 million people living in *Russia*. In Muslim-dominated regions, Christians who have converted from Islam often bear the brunt of persecution at the hands of family, friends, and community members. The far greater threat, however, comes from the government, which surveils its citizens nationwide, looking for those who proselytize or attend unregistered churches. Pray for the safety of church members when they are arrested and interrogated by the police. Pray that suspicion of Protestants who receive support from foreign organizations will not be an impediment to new churches receiving official registration from the government. And pray for the growth and health of the church in Russia.

### **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."