

# LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

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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**

Glorious Lord, it is the passion of our lives to worship you, the crown and glory of our souls to adore you. Enable us by your Spirit to do so now, that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 107.1-9

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 4*

*ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE*

**-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.*

**\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 305*

*ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE*

**Confession of Faith**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself,<sup>1</sup> in ruling<sup>2</sup> and defending us,<sup>3</sup> and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.<sup>4</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 26

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<sup>1</sup> “Simon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it’” (Acts 15.14-16).

<sup>2</sup> “For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us” (Isa 33.22).

<sup>3</sup> “Behold, a king will reign in righteousness and princes will rule in justice. And a man will be like a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land” (Isa 32.1-2).

<sup>4</sup> “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet” (1 Cor 15.25). (All of Psalm 110)

## The Celebration of Covenant Baptism

Beatrix Sophie Schroeder

Explanation and Exhortation

Acts 2.39; Genesis 17.7; Acts 16.31

### Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Beatrix's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Beatrix to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. To the congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Jacob and Samantha in the Christian nurture of this child?

Baptism and Prayer of Dedication

### 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**

"As if There Were No God"  
2 Kings 1.1-18  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 674*

*I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR*

## 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**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of 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 and commend to you 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. 188*

*JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

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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 2 Kings and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* is on break for the next few weeks. It will resume in mid-September.

*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: "As if There Were No God" (2 Kings 1.1-18)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Hilltop Presbyterian Church:* Rev. John Neville is planting a church in Ferndale. Pray for God's blessing 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.

*Tom & Melissa Manning:* With what appears to be chronic lymphoma, Tom and Melissa have decided to settle in Arizona for ongoing treatments as well to have a base for further ministry to field workers abroad and outreach. They will travel to Turkey in September to wrap things up and to bid farewell to those they have ministered to and with. Then in October they plan to visit and fill us in more. Please keep them in your prayers.

*The Persecuted Church:* Nearly half of the 5.3 million people living in *Eritrea* are Christians, but the authoritarian regime, which favors Muslim, is responsible for enormous human rights violations against them. Christians are considered agents of the West and a threat to the state. Many have been imprisoned for years. Pray for endurance for those suffering for their faith. Pray for unity among God's people, and that they would see themselves as one church family, regardless of their circumstances. And pray for the governmental leaders, that God will work in their hearts and reveal to them the truth of the gospel.

*Walking Unafraid:* David prayed, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Ps 23.4). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, and Vickie Myers* might know God's presence, comfort, and courage regardless of life's circumstances.

## **Announcements**

*Financial Update:* The July financial statement 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.

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and fellowship.