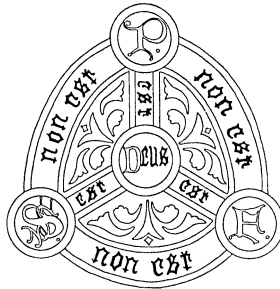


LORD'S DAY

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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

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 89.5-8, 14-18

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 38

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come to you as your sons and your servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, yet aware of our continuing need of your grace. We confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. We acknowledge our guilt and recognize that we rightly fall under your curse and judgment. Blot out our transgressions, wash away our iniquities, forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy on us, O Lord; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2.1-2

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Confession of Faith

What was Christ's humiliation?

Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition,¹ made under the law,² undergoing the miseries of this life,³ the wrath of God,⁴ and the cursed death of the cross;⁵ in being buried,⁶ and continuing under the power of death for a time.⁷

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 27

¹ "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2.7).

² "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law" (Gal 4.4).

³ "For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not" (Isa 53.2-3).

⁴ "And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Lk 22.44). "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" (Mt 27.46).

⁵ "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Ph 2.8).

⁶ "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..." (1 Cor 15.3-4).

⁷ "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, '...My flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.' ...He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption" (Acts 2.24-27, 31).

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

“A Window on Reality”

2 King 2.15-25

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 244

HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS

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

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

*Song of Thanksgiving

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

words Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778 mOD.
music Eileen Davis 2000



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing; nor
2. The work which his - good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will - com - plete; his
3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase; im -



fear with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring. The
prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things
pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes,



ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do; my
fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or - a - bove, can
I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n; more



Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.
make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.
hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

-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 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 is finishing the Sermon on the Mount this Tuesday morning and will begin a study of 1 John, led by Chris McBean, on Wednesday, September 8, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. All women are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "A Window on Reality" (2 Kings 2.15-25)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Jay & Bet Denton (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they reach out to new students and begin a new year of ministry at Boise State University. Pray that God leads them to many who are hungry to respond to the gospel and to grow in grace.

Kellen McGill, John and Chris McBean's nephew, has been deployed to Afghanistan. Pray that God would protect him and the rest of our troops, and that he would give them success in their mission.

The Persecuted Church: There are only a few thousand Christians out of 29.5 million people in *Yemen*. An ongoing civil war has made it dangerous to be a follower of Christ; open church services are prohibited and Muslims who decide to follow Jesus often face the death penalty. Pray for peace, as opposing forces continue to clash and leave Christians quite vulnerable. And pray for those who convert from Islam, that they have courage and perseverance in their faith.

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.

Our Strength & Shield: David prays, "The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped" (Ps 28.7). Pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, and Vickie Myers* find strength, protection, and help in God as they look to him this week.

Announcements

Children's Catechism resumes September 8, and will meet every other Wednesday, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, through December 1. We will study Qs 38-52 of the New City Catechism. For more information talk to Pastor Ron.

Ladies of Covenant: Another special "day away" is being planned for you at the church on September 25! We will begin at 9:00 AM, enjoy fellowship, some teaching from the lives of Ruth and David offered by Cherry Gonzales, a wonderful lunch and the gift of friendship among us, wrapping up at 3:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jenni Early.

The Fall Women's Bible Study, led by Chris McBean, begins September 8. It will meet on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, and will study 1 John, Jude and Philippians.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.