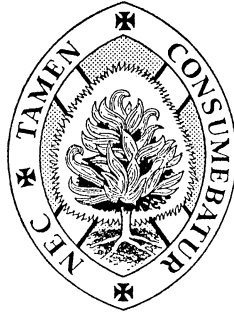


LORD'S DAY

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-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 30

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge our unworthiness of your grace and salvation. So little have we truly believed our Savior's conquest of sin and death for us! How often we forget that the Lord Jesus is sitting at your right hand, ruling over all things for the church, interceding for us, and will one day return to bring salvation to all who are waiting for him. How often we are weak or discouraged because we have forgotten that since Christ is in heaven we who belong to him are as much as seated with him there. How wrong of us that so great a Savior and so great a salvation should not produce in us greater love and firmer hope. Forgive us for such little faith, restore to us the joy of our salvation, and help us to walk worthy of it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Confession of Faith

What is forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?

The Fourth Commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required,¹ and the profaning the day by idleness,² or doing that which is in itself sinful,³ or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.⁴

What are the reasons attached to the Fourth Commandment?

The reasons attached to the Fourth Commandment are: God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments,⁵ his establishment of a special ownership in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.⁶

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 61 and 62

¹ "Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them" (Ezek 22.26). "But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD" (Mal 1.13).

² "On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight... And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead" (Acts 20.7, 9).

³ "Moreover, this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary on the same day and profaned my Sabbaths" (Ezek 23.38).

⁴ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken" (Isa 58.13-14).

⁵ "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Ex 20.9).

⁶ "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy" (Ex 20.11).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Taking to Heart What We Know”

Hebrews 4.14-5.10

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.

music David B. Hampton

1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226



1. Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast - er, broad - er than the sea.
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on _____ me as I work and wait for Thee;



— I am find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart.
— How _____ mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all _____ on _____ me. _____
— And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies _____ my _____ heart;
— Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows _____ flee. _____



— Thou hast bid me gaze up - on _____ Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul. _____
— Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
— Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
— Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



— For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me _____ whole. _____ Je - sus,
— know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it _____ mine. _____ Je - sus,
— com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. _____ Je - sus,
— keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill _____ me with Thy _____ grace. _____ Je - sus,



I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. _____ I am



find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart. _____

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) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer rings. 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. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 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 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Hebrews 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.

Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

The Covenant Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales is studying 2 Corinthians. It is meeting on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. Questions for each week can be found on the literature table, and all women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Taking to Heart What We Know" (Hebrews 4.14-5.10)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, that God strengthens and directs him as he labors to establish this young congregation.

Rev. Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know and grow in the Savior.

The Persecuted Church: There are 180,000 Christians out of 5 million people in *Oman*, an Islamic nation on the Arabian Peninsula. Converts to Christianity are pressured to recant their faith. They can be expelled from their homes, lose their jobs, and face great difficulties from the government. Expatriate Christian communities are tolerated, but their church facilities are restricted and Christian meetings are often monitored. Pray the government lifts restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, and religion. Pray for new believers who face strong societal pressures. And pray that, despite human opposition, God builds his church in this very dark place.

A Stronghold in Times of Trouble: David writes, "The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you" (Ps 9.9-10). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* find great comfort and security in the Lord, their only sure refuge.

Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God continues to use his people to bring help to the hurting and the lost.

Announcements

Covenant Women's Luncheon: What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? We will explore this topic at our next women's gathering: A luncheon on Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the church. All women and teen girls are invited.

Nominations for Deacons: Just as reminder, the nomination period is about to close. If any member would like to nominate a male member of the congregation to this office, please notify an elder by this Tuesday.

Visitor: 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.

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."