

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

O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me.
Speak but the word; one gracious word can set the sinner free.
I am not worthy; cold and bare the lodging of my soul.
How canst Thou deign to enter there?
Speak, Lord and make me whole.
I am not worthy; yet, my God, how can I say Thee nay –
Thee, Who didst give Thy flesh and blood my ransom price to pay?
O come; in this sweet morning hour feed me with food Divine;
And fill with all Thy love and power this empty heart of mine. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 12

EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

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.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

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.

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Better Covenant”

Hebrews 8.1-13

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 99

MY SONG FOREVER SHALL RECORD

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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SERVING 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.

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 Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 648

MY JESUS, I LOVE YOU

-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 6:00 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.

Sermon Notes: "The Better Covenant" (Hebrews 8.1-13)

Prayer Concerns

The Persecuted Church: There are 1.2 million Christians out of 9.5 million people in the *United Arab Emirates (UAE)*. Christian expatriates are free to worship privately but are not allowed to share their faith with others. Family and community members often try to persuade converts from Islam to recant their Christian faith. As a result, many tend to hide their conversion out of fear of suffering. Pray for the leaders of the UAE, that they would have greater tolerance of those who change their faith. Pray the government is successful in keeping the country safe from terrorist groups. And pray for Christian women who convert from Islam and lose their right to possessions and their children.

My Portion Forever: The psalmist prayed, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (Ps 73.26). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavelly* know Christ as their greatest and most treasured portion.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he prepares the congregation for electing elders and deacons, and as he continues to reach out with the love of Christ to those in the Kenai Peninsula.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): In Northern Ireland for just another two weeks, the Torrens will arrive in the United States in mid-June for an extended stay while they await word on life in Ukraine and when the door will open for them to return and resume their ministry in Kyiv. Pray for them during this time when they would clearly prefer to be there, helping, and pray for those at the seminary and the church-plant, who are caring for those in need all around them. May God use the compassion of his people to touch many lives with the good news of the gospel.

Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God uses the church to care for the hurting and the lost.

Announcements

Attention Women & Girls: Instead of a summer Bible study, Covenant Women would like to invite the women and girls of the church to read the Gospel of John in small groups this summer. More details to come!

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ”; and NIKΑ means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads, “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ, Victor.”