

LORD'S DAY

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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

Heavenly Father, since without your help we are unable to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, so that, putting away all bitterness and wrath, anger and malice, and every other evil affection, we may worship you in spirit and in truth, as we look with assured hope for the day of redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your great Name, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who possess more, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Cleanse us and change our very way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.9-10

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Confession of Faith

What is repentance to life?

Repentance to life is a saving grace,¹ by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,² and understanding of the mercy of God in Christ,³ does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God,⁴ with full intention of, and endeavor after, new obedience.⁵

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 87

¹ “When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, ‘Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life’” (Acts 11.18).

² “Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 2.37-38).

³ “Return, O faithless sons; I will heal your faithlessness. Behold, we come to you, for you are the LORD our God” (Jer 3.22). “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” (Joel 2.12).

⁴ “I have heard Ephraim grieving, ‘You have disciplined me, and I was disciplined, like an untrained calf; bring me back that I may be restored, for you are the LORD my God. For after I had turned away, I relented, and after I was instructed, I struck my thigh; I was ashamed, and I was confounded, because I bore the disgrace of my youth’” (Jer 31.18-19). “Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations” (Ezek 36.31).

⁵ “Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause” (Isa 1.16-17). “For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter” (2 Cor 7.11).

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

"Bearing with One Another"

Colossians 3.1-7

Elder Chad Leinweber

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 457

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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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*Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 402

AMAZING GRACE

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship is taking the month of July off. It will resume its study of Hebrews on August 2 at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's.

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: "Bearing with One Another" (Colossians 3.1-17)

Prayer Concerns

Tom & Melissa Manning: In addition to the three team-leader couples the Mannings are coaching, they have also taken on two new team-leader candidates, and Tom is helping the Frontiers Training Team prepare new missionaries for the field. Pray for Tom and Melissa in this most important work and, of course, continue to pray for Tom's health.

The Persecuted Church: There are about 4 million Christians out of 205 million people living in *Pakistan*. While Christians enjoy some freedom of worship, they are regarded as second-class citizens and are more often targeted by the country's anti-blasphemy laws. Churches that are more active in outreach also face more persecution. Pray that the Lord would preserve the church, and that the Pakistani government would also provide better protections for Christians. Pray that the outreach of more evangelistic churches would bear fruit, so that the church would grow in Pakistan.

Refuge in the Lord: The psalmist writes, "Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you'" (Psalm 16.1-2). Pray that those of us who are sick and hurting would be preserved by God their refuge, and that they would find in him every good thing they need to persevere. Especially remember in your prayers *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker and Wayne Snavely*.

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

Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war, that the Ukraine remains a free nation, that God would protect and bless his churches there and use them to bring hope and help to the hurting and lost.

Announcements

Alister and Sarah Torrens will be with us on August 7, and Alister will be preaching that morning. Following that service, we will have an extended Coffee Hour to learn from the Torrens about what's happening in Ukraine and in their ministry, and how we can be praying for them.

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.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.