

# 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**

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable. We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin and the knowledge that you resist the proud. Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 22.23-24

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 9*

*ALL YOU THAT FEAR JEHOVAH'S NAME*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness; that we may know the joy of your presence, the light of your face. You alone know our hearts: how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 299*

*LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS*

**Confession of Faith**

How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

**The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him who administers them, but only by the blessing of Christ,<sup>1</sup> and the working of his Spirit in those who by faith receive them.<sup>2</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 91

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3.11). "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Cor 3.6-7). "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 3.21).

<sup>2</sup> "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Cor 12.13).

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“Of Whom the World Was Not Worthy”

Hebrews 11.8-40

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 705*

*I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED*

**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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## **-OBSEVRING THE SACRAMENTS-**

### **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 ring 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. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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### **Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesday of the 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: "Of Whom the World Was Not Worthy" (Hebrews 11.8-40)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Boise Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, as he seeks to develop leaders for this congregation, that together they might become a people who love one another and outsiders well as they continue to grow in grace.

*Tom & Melissa Manning:* Tom met with the oncologist this week and learned that his recent PET scan showed that his tumors have not progressed and the largest one has even shrunk a little. This is good news indeed. Tom is stable and will continue the course of treatments he is on. Pray for strength as he looks to Christ. And pray for the coaching of other team-leader couples that Tom and Melissa are doing. Pray that God uses them to help develop the next generation of career missionaries.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 800,000 Christians out of 82 million people in *Iran*. Governed by Islamic law, it is illegal to hold church services, to produce Christian literature, or to share one's faith. Converts face severe persecution, and Christians who attend underground churches face the constant threat of arrest. Pray for those imprisoned, that God encourages them despite their isolation. Pray for those meeting in secret, that they are protected as they bear witness to others. And pray that God moves Iran's leaders to grant religious freedom to its people.

*The Power of God's Outstretched Arm:* Jeremiah confidently prayed, "Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you" (Jer 32.17). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* might rest, knowing that God has everything well in hand; nothing is beyond his control.

## **Announcements**

*Potluck in the Park:* Join us for a potluck at Pioneer Park on Sunday, September 11. Lunch will start at noon, so we will not have Coffee Hour on the day. More details to follow.

*Save the Date:* Women's Ministry is meeting for a luncheon on September 24, from 11-2. We will discuss the book of John which we have been reading this summer. There is still time to grab a book if you would like to join in the discussion.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.