

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

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image, in Christ you reveal to us your love, through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers; we bow in gratitude before you. We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it. We daily betray your love, but still you extend it. We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it. Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 92.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 97

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 520

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Confession of Faith

For what do we pray in the second petition?

In the second petition, which is, “Thy kingdom come,”¹ we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed,² and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,³ ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it,⁴ and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.⁵

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 102

¹ “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Mt 6.10, NAS)

² “God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! ...You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.” (Ps 68.1, 18)

³ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.” (Rev 12.10-11)

⁴ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ...“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.” (Jn 17.9, 20) “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.” (2 Thess 3.1)

⁵ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come Lord Jesus! (Rev 22.20)

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

“The Fate of Fools”
Romans 1.18.32
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 479

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

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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-OBSERVING 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 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 and clings so close, 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. 498

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

-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 Romans 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 Fate of Fools" (Romans 1.18-32)

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.

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (Boise State University): Pray for the Burdettes and the RUF staff as they reach out to students with the gospel and disciple those who know Christ and are eager to grow in the faith.

Glory to Be Revealed: Paul wrote to the Romans, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom 8.18). What an amazing thought! In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers* and *Wayne Snavely* fix their eyes on the promised glory yet to be revealed, and in it find great hope.

The Persecuted Church: There are a little over 100,000 Christians out of 42 million people in *Algeria*. Recently the government has engaged in a systematic closure of Protestant churches. In some cases, Christians have been forcibly expelled by police in the middle of church services. Pressure from family also remains high, especially for those who were previously Muslim. Pray that these brothers and sisters know God’s presence amidst their loss. Pray for more converts from Islam, and for their safety. And pray for those who have been rejected by their families, that they find some measure of solace in knowing that they are part of a larger family that stands with them in prayer.

Announcements

Reformation Sunday Evening Service: We have been invited by Grace URC, in Kennewick, to their Reformation service, on October 30, at 5:00 PM.

The Women of the Church: The study guides for 1 and 2 Timothy have arrived and are on the literature table. If you will be studying it this fall, feel free to take one.

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

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.”