

# 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**

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-4

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 16*

*COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD*

**-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

**Confession of Sin**

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 53.4-6

## **\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 253*

*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD*

### **Confession of Faith**

For what do we pray in the first petition?

**In the first petition, which is, “Hallowed be Thy name,”<sup>1</sup> we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all the means by which he makes himself known,<sup>2</sup> and that he would arrange all things to his own glory.<sup>3</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 101

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

#### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Sermon**

“The Gospel of God”  
Romans 1.1-17  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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<sup>1</sup> Pray, then, in this way: “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.” (Mt 6.9, NAS)

<sup>2</sup> “...that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!” (Ps 67.2-3)

<sup>3</sup> See Psalm 83.1-18.

## \*Song of Response

### Not What My Hands Have Done

words, Horatius Bonar, 1861;  
music, Eileen Davis, 2002

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y  
2. Your work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of  
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don  
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di -  
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and

soul; Not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it  
sin; thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with -  
speak; thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age  
vine; and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior  
might; he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my

whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not  
in Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can  
break. No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do; no  
mine. His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each  
light. 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives; I

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.  
rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.  
strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.  
thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.  
love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

### Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

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*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 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. 465*

*MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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### **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 Gospel of God" (Romans 1.1-17)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Pacific Northwest Presbytery* is meeting this Thursday and Friday at Ascension Presbyterian Church in Edmonds. Pray for travel mercies for the ministers and elders attending, and that their work honors the Lord and is a blessing to the church.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 16 million Christians out of 100 million people in *Egypt*. Many encounter great difficulty living out their faith. There are violent attacks, as well as more subtle forms of pressure applied to Egyptian believers. This is particularly so in the case of converts from Islam. Pray for those who have been injured or are otherwise suffering for their faith. Pray for unity in the Egyptian church, that Christians from all backgrounds would see themselves belonging to one family—God’s. And pray that the Lord softens the hearts of extremists and government leaders, so that Jesus’ name might be more openly made known.

*Our Strength & Shield:* David prayed, “The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him” (Ps 28.7). In addition to healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers* and *Wayne Snavelly* find strength, protection, and help in the LORD as they look to him this week.

## **Announcements**

*Financial Update:* The September financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to access it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to help you.

*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.

### **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.”