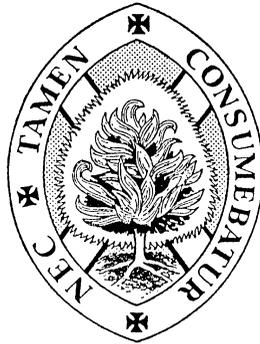


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Almighty God, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 101

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have offended you: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities. Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults; forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, in keeping with the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

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.

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 Law and the Christian Life"

Romans 6.1-13

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Not What My Hands Have Done

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



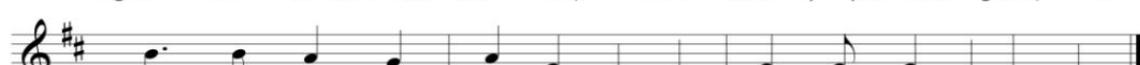
1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
2. Your work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di -
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and



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

**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.

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 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Covenant Women: Continuing with our small group model, we will be reading through Ezra and Nehemiah this winter. Grab a study from the literature table if you like, and please let us know if you are looking for a partner or a group.

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 Law and the Christian Life" (Romans 7.1-13)

Prayer Concerns

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church: Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessing 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.

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 their faith.

The LORD Our Warrior: With the Egyptians on their heels and the Red Sea before them, Moses said to the Israelites, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent" (Ex 14.13-14). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers* and *Danielle Parker* silently rest in the Lord this week, knowing that he will wage every battle that must be fought on their behalf.

The Persecuted Church: There are 71,000 Christians out of 9.2 million people in *Tajikistan*, a Muslim country where Christians are detained, churches raided, and religious materials confiscated. Christian converts, in particular, are heinously treated. As a result, they often tell no one of their decision to follow Christ, choosing instead the life of a secret believer. Pray for those who live under such constant pressure to hide or renounce their faith. Pray for church leaders who face daily threats of raid and arrest. And pray that government pressure would subside so that Christians would be able to practice their faith openly and in peace.

Announcements

Church Directories are available on the literature table. Feel free to take as many as you like.

Financial Update: The December 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.

Explanation of 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."