

THE LORD'S DAY



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United Reformed Church of Nampa, ID
Rev. Nick Smith, Pastor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 AM

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and of our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Tom Simmonds

†Call to Worship

Psalms 84:1-4

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD!

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

Amen!

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Psalter Hymnal #327

Call to Confession

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who has given us the gospel of Jesus Christ, and who has provided a most wonderful communion with him though the mystery of the sacrament, we ask you for grace to enable us to prepare our hearts for the reception of holy communion. We confess, O Father, that we have all offended your majesty and deserved your judgment. We have transgressed in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. Truly there is no strength in us. Be merciful, O God, and grant us your pardon. And let us come to the sacrament in the joy of your forgiving

love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, one only God, lives and reigns forever. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

†Psalm 146

Psalter Hymnal #301

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 80

Psalter Hymnal #153

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:1-9

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

1 PETER 1:1-2

PILGRIMS, ALIENS, AND ELECT EXILES

I. EXPOSITION OF 1 PETER

†“Jerusalem the Golden”

Psalter Hymnal #471

Offering

General Fund
Missions: Christians for Armenia

†Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

†*Doxology* (unannounced)

Psalter Hymnal #493

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:30 PM

Prelude

Silent Prayer

†Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-4

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Psalm 124:8

- **Who made heaven and earth.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

Ephesians 1:2

†Psalm 65

Psalter Hymnal #114

†Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed in Song

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 69

Psalter Hymnal #129

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST
BELGIC CONFESSIO, ARTICLE XVIII

We confess, therefore, that God has fulfilled the promise which He made to the fathers by the mouth of His holy prophets, when He sent into the world, at the time appointed by Him, His own only-begotten and eternal Son, who *took upon Him the form of a servant and became like unto man*, really assuming the true human nature with all its infirmities, sin excepted; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit without the means of man; and did not only assume human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul, that He might be a real man. For since the soul was lost as well as the body, it was necessary that He should take both upon Him, to save both.

Therefore we confess (in opposition to the heresy of the Anabaptists, who deny that Christ assumed human flesh of His mother) that Christ *partook of the flesh and blood of the children*; that He is a *fruit of the loins of David after the flesh*; *born of the seed of David according to the flesh*; a *fruit of the womb of Mary*; *born of a woman*; a *branch of David*; a *shoot of the root of Jesse*; *sprung from the tribe of Judah*; descended from the Jews according to the flesh; of the seed of Abraham, since (A.V.) *he took on him the seed of Abraham, and was made like unto his brethren in all things, sin excepted*; so that in truth He is our IMMANUEL, that is to say, *God with us*.

†“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Psalter Hymnal #441

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

†*Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:28-32)

Psalter Hymnal #334

Now may Thy servant, Lord, According to Thy word, Depart in exultation. My rest shall be serene, For lo, mine eyes have seen Thy wonderful salvation.

Thou didst for all prepare This Gift, so great, so rare, That peoples might adore Thee; A light to show the way To nations gone astray, And unto Israel's glory.

Postlude