



Jesus: In the Open & On the Move

Last Words to the Church #1
Revelation 1:1-8

I. What God Does...

- A. Reveals (Shows, Makes Known, Sends "Angels," Testifies, Gives the Word... (vv.1-2))
- B. Blesses Those Who Read, Hear and Receive (v.3)

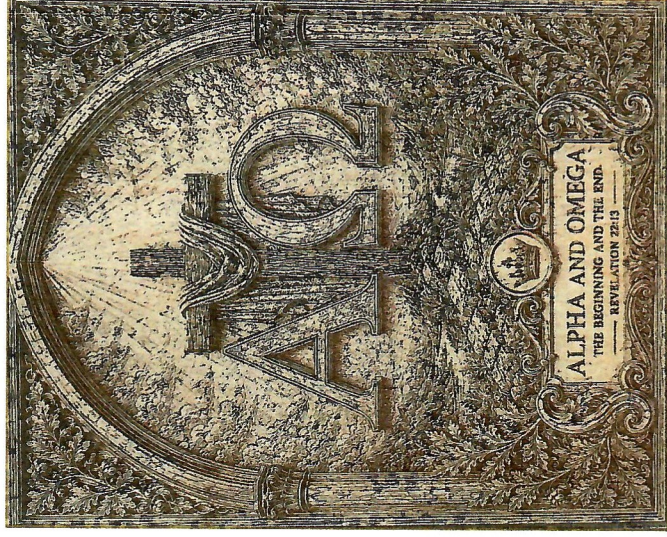
II. What People Need

- A. To Be Blessed (v.3)
- B. To Receive Grace (v.4)
- C. To Find Peace (v.4)
- D. To Be Freed (v.5)
- E. To Be Loved (v.5)
- F. To Worship God (v.6)
- G. To Mourn (v.7)

III. What Jesus Does... Jesus Is On the Move!

- A. Continuous Action... He Is Always... (v.5)
 1. ...Witnessing Faithfully
 2. ...Leading the Way Out of Death
 3. ...Ruling
 4. ...Loving
- B. Past Action... He Has Already... (vv.5-6)
 1. ...Freed Us from Sin through His Self-Sacrifice
 2. ...Made Us God's Kingdom in the World
 3. ...Made Us God's Priests (Intermediaries) in the World
- C. Future Action... Actually, *Additional Continuous Action!* (7-8)
 1. He IS (Alpha & Omega... Is, Was & Is to Come)
 2. He IS Coming... Jesus Is in the Open & On the Move

Additional Notes:



Any person carelessly or ignorantly reading scripture, supposing himself or herself to be reading the thoughts of inspired poets and the deeds of brave saints, gets a jolt from the Revelation. St. John makes it impossible to persist in such carelessness or ignorance. The first sentence announces, "The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him to show to his

servants... and he made known by sending his angel to his servant John." What is announced here is claimed for all of scripture: It originates in God ("which God gave"), it is about God ("revelation of Jesus Christ"), and God provides the means for our reception ("by sending his angel"). Origin, content, and means are all in God. Scripture is that which comes from God to the human. God tells us his mind, revealing to us his creation, showing his salvation. It is God's word.

- Eugene Peterson, Reversed Thunder, p.18

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Reno, Nevada October 4, 2026 World Communion Sunday

Service for World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made
us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and
power for ever and ever! Amen. – Revelation 1:4-6

We Gather to Glorify God

Prelude

Nancy Tedford

Welcome and Church Family News

Call to Worship **Revelation 1:1-3, 7-8** Dan Carne
*Leader: The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show
his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by
sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he
saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
People: The revelation of Jesus Christ.

*Leader: Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy,
and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written
in it, because the time is near.*

People: The revelation of Jesus Christ.

*Leader: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see
him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth
will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*

People: The revelation of Jesus Christ.

*Leader: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who
is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

People: The revelation of Jesus Christ.

We Praise Christ Who Loves Us & Frees Us

***Songs of Praise** “Lion & The Lamb” & “Hymn of Heaven”

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***Time of Greeting**

Children’s Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri

Time of Offering

Offertory Covenant Choir, Kathy Croughan – Liturgical Dance
 “For the Cause” – Getty/Townend

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Listen as God Shines His Light of Revelation upon Us

***Hymn of Preparation:** “My Lord, What a Mourning” #328

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 1:1-8** (p.1028)

Message: *Jesus: In the Open & On the Move* Pastor Jay Hull
 (Last Words to The Church #1)

With God’s People Everywhere, We Join in Holy Communion

***Unison Affirmation** The Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal p.845)

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Readers for World Communion Sunday:

Phil Barackman – French; Ian Miller – Italian;

Nancy Xiao – Chinese Mandarin

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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 sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vv.1-3, 6) #359

We Go Forth into the World in the Light of Jesus Christ

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

* indicates to stand if you are able

Weekly Events

Sundays

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Prayer
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
1:30 pm XL-ENT Teens
2:30 pm Kids Club
7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursdays

1:00 pm All Church Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Oct 4 World Communion Sunday
4 Discovery Class w/Lunch 11:30 am
5 Fellowship MTM 2:00 pm
11 Spudtacular
Oct 13 Evangelism MTM 5:00 pm
Christian Ed MTM 6:00 pm
Deacons MTM 6:00 pm
Worship MTM 6:00 pm
Missions MTM 7:00 pm
Oct 14 MomCo 5:30 pm
18 Discovery Class w/Lunch 11:30 am
20 Admin MTM 3:30 pm
23-25 Women's Retreat
25 Discovery Class w/Lunch 11:30 am
Nov 1 Congregational Meeting to elect elders and deacons
7 Elder/Deacon Training 8 am-Noon
13-15 Christmas Market for Mission!

News & Reminders

Free Calendars

If you're receiving unwanted 2027 calendars, there is a basket in the Library for donations. If you would like a 2027 calendar, there is a basket in the Library with great calendars.

New Evening Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, Pastor Jay will lead a weekly Bible study on the Book of Revelation from 6:30-8:00 pm in the corner classroom.

No Trunk or Treat This Halloween

Halloween is on a Saturday this year, so our Trunk or Treat would be on Sunday, a week prior. It was decided that this would be too far removed from the event.

Christmas Child Shoebox Season is Here!

Empty shoeboxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday, Oct 4, 11, and 18, along with useful information regarding how to fill your shoebox. Filled boxes can be returned to the narthex on Sunday, Nov 1, 8, and 15.

The 2026 Christmas Market for Mission! Is Coming

Sale begins on Fri, Nov 13, 5-7 pm, continues on Sat, 9-4, and concludes after worship on Sun, 11:30-1:30. Crafted items, gift baskets, and specialty items are needed.

Discovery/New Members Class

Classes for inquirers and potential new members continue on Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25. If you can't make all of them, we're glad to see you on the days you can. Please sign up, so lunch will be available for all participants each Sunday.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

For the Church

Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they pray and search for a pastor to succeed Pastor Jay, when he retires.

Prayer Requests

Nancy Tedford Healing
David Decker Healing (submitted by Carole Faeth)
Charles Woods Knee replacement (submitted by Dianne Billharz)
Rachel Moore Healing from brain surgery (submitted by Jerry DeVore)
Sharleen Phillips Healing from brain surgery on Oct. 8 and 14
Kaley and Chayce Healing from motorcycle accident (submitted by Carole Faeth)

Bereavement

Friends and family of **Debbie Cecere** (past member)
Friends and family of **Trevor Molini** (submitted by Carole Faeth)
Friends and family of **Xiaoteng Liang** (Nancy Xiao's mother)

Our New Neighbors

Pray for the new neighbors who have moved in

On Active Military Tour of Duty

Noah Arias, Terran Billharz, Cody Carr, Matthew Cunningham, Westin Hart, Chase Lemon, Levi Sanchez, Gary Hogman, Malle Mathieu, Brian Zardell, Margaret Guthrie, Benjamin Guthrie, Chandler Bryant, Caleb Mize & Jacob Simpkins

Prayer Requests

Name of Person to pray for: _____

Concern or Update _____

Submitted by _____

Date _____

☐ For Church-wide prayer

☐ Post on the Realm

☐ For Pastor/Staff Prayer

Prayer submissions will be listed for 4 weeks; if an extension is desired, please request with an update. Put your request in the offering plate or in the prayer request box located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.