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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 15, 2016*

*Pentecost* 

*"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:  
some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.  
Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens,  
and those who lead many to righteousness,  
like the stars forever and ever."  
Daniel 12:2-3*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:7-11*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!

Leader: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

**\*AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN?**

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!  
Died He for me, who caused His pain! For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me?

*(Chorus)*

*Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

*(Chorus)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through  
Christ my own.

*(Chorus)*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

**Call to  
Worship**  
Worship begins  
with God who  
invites us and  
welcomes us  
into his pres-  
ence. Because  
of Christ, we  
can approach  
God with  
boldness even  
though we are  
sinful and  
weak.

**\*SHE MUST AND SHALL GO FREE**

Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood; hear and sing, ye sons of God,  
justice satisfied indeed; Christ has full atonement made;  
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*(Chorus)*

*“All her debts were cast on me,  
and she must and shall go free.” (2x)*

Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet; here all Deity can meet,  
and without a jarring voice, welcome Zion to rejoice;  
welcome Zion to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

Peace of conscience, peace with God; we obtain through Jesus' blood.  
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest, we believe and we are blessed;  
we believe and we are blessed.

*(Chorus)*

Should the law against her roar; Jesus' blood still speaks with power,  
“all her debts were cast on me, and she must and shall go free.”

*(Chorus)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;  
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,  
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,  
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,  
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.  
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,  
Oh, and I again complain.

*(Interlude)*

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;  
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;  
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,  
they are only known above.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:3-4*

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

All: For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. (*Isaiah 59:12-14*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Ephesians 2:8-10*

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Call to Confession**

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

**\*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.

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.  
11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

**GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR**

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
awesome creator, author of life;  
Master and Savior, wholly divine;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

*(Chorus)*

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.  
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.  
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
essence of beauty and all that is right;  
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**Offering**

We give back to  
God a portion of  
what he has  
given us to use  
to declare that  
he is Lord of all.  
(This is part of  
our service as a  
church family,  
and visitors  
should not feel  
obligated to  
participate.)

*Daniel - Living in Babylon*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Living Till the Credits Roll - Daniel 12:1-13 (NIV)*

1 At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. <sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

<sup>5</sup> Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. <sup>6</sup> One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"

<sup>7</sup> The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

<sup>8</sup> I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?"

<sup>9</sup> He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. <sup>10</sup> Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

<sup>11</sup> "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

<sup>13</sup> "As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."

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I. Pentecost—Living with the end in sight

II. Living with broken toys and unfixable problems

III. Living with fuzzy edges and unresolved questions



## Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. In what way does Pentecost speak of the beginning of the end? How does this fit with the overall prophetic message of the Messiah in the OT?
2. The message of the resurrection from the dead is absolutely central to Christianity. Jesus and the Apostles proclaimed it repeatedly. Why do you think it is so little mentioned today? (cf Jn 11:25, Acts 4:2, Rom 6:5, 1 Cor 15:12-30, Phil 3:10-11, 1 Pet 1:3, Rev 20:5-6)
3. Daniel tells us about living in a broken world. How is this world ultimately going to be fixed? Why are we so often fixed on doing right techniques to fix problems? (Think of how the Prayer of Jabez captured the Christian world in 2000.)
4. We have seen earlier in Daniel the reference to a certain number of days. There, as well as here, those days are unknowable for us. How does it help us knowing that the Lord knows his time table even if we do not? What does that tell us about trying to create a precise time table?
5. To seal up a prophecy did not mean to hide it, but rather to protect it as well as to mark it as being official. Verses 4 and 10 indicate that those seeking knowledge outside of the Lord will not find it. What allows God's people to walk in discernment and understanding?
6. What does v-7 refer to in speaking of a time when the power of the holy people will be broken? (cf Lk 21:26-28).
7. We can love others without complete understanding of them, so too we can walk in faithfulness to the Lord without complete understanding of all that he does. How is this a comfort to you? How is it difficult?

**Sermon**  
God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

**\*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**The Lord's  
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

**\*BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*(Chorus)*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*(Chorus)*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

**Leaders & Staff**

**Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Shane Waldron**

*Staff:* Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

*Elders:* Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

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Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Family Life Christian Church, Kalispell, Pastor Frank Mack

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Please pray David & Ulrike Byle in Turkey with the Bible Correspondence Course and Operation Mobilization.

**YOUTH GROUPS LAST MEETINGS:** Senior and junior youth groups will conclude for the summer with last meetings on Wednesday, May 25.

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE:** You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their worship services **TODAY, May 15**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Four-square church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

**VBS - SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 20-24 for kids age 4 to fifth grade and a new VBS program where kids will join the Scottish Sleuths to solve **The Case of the Hidden Hero ...** the amazing story of God's providential protection of His people! Contact Joni Jenks (cascade.jenks@gmail.com) for opportunities to serve.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) **please fill out the card in the foyer** and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates during the coffee hour on Sunday, June 5.

**HIKING & SOFTBALL:** Looking for outside fun with your friends from Faith Covenant this summer? Terry Falk is looking for 3 or 4 people to lead hikes this summer on area trails. If you're interested, contact Terry (270-1308). Matt Vander Ark is looking for softball players Thursdays at 6:30 or 8, starting June 2 - August. Cost is \$20. Contact Matt (871-0615) ASAP if interested.

**Pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY** to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

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**SERVING:** May Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Terry & Judy Fosbery/Bud Salyer & Evan Iddings

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Tinkham

Toddler Nursery: : Uzzi/C. Hanson

Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Hanson & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - May 22**

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Motleys

Toddler Nursery: Carlsons/Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11

**Sunday School for All**

Sundays 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group**

Wednesdays 7 pm

**Trustees**

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

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