

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 2, 2016

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our worship is a response to God's initiative. The pattern of our worship reflects the gospel.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the Lord.

All: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

All: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Leader: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

All: Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

All: he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

Leader: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

All: Praise the Lord.

# \*SING TO THE KING

Sing to the King who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and salvation his empire shall bring, and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

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# \*SING TO THE KING, continued

(Chorus)

Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring that we belong to Jesus; he's all we need. Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.

For his returning we watch and we pray; we will be ready the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. (Chorus 2x)

#### \*GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face. I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just, Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice; From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

#### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

#### **God Calls Us**

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

# \*GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. *Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)* 

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow; Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x) Goodbye

# God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

# COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen. (adapted from Psalm 5)

#### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE: Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

#### \*CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:

- The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

# \*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

#### **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 Corner Classroom)

#### **REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he. Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. (*Repeat*)

(Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings; you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,

such a marv'lous mystery!

(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.)

# Guest Pastor Don Krafft Five Unanswerable Questions - Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Sermon Outline

Question 1 - What can be against us?

Question 2 - Will we ever lack what we need?

Question 3 - Can we be condemned?

Question 4 - Can accusations stick against us?

Question 5 - Can anything divorce us from the love of Christ?

# Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

- 1. Which question do you struggle with the most and why? Which one(s) the least and why? What could you do to become more secure in all five questions?
- 2. Name some Old Testament saints who demonstrated confidence in these questions? How about some saints who struggled with these questions? What made the difference?
- 3. How do we learn to walk in faith rather than fear?

### God Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith. and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

#### \*BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

# (Chorus)

Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him. Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x) (Chorus)

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

# God Communes with Us

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

# \*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - Hymn #648

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath, and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:

If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

# <u>Leaders & Staff</u> Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

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,

Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut (emeritus), Terry Falk,

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com. For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Church, Kalispell, Pastor Luke Knoll

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Nathan and Betsy Russell who are facilitating a YWAM leadership school in Cambodia and Taiwan Sept. 27-Nov. 14. Pray for traveling mercies and that it would bear much fruit for the gospel.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: Ladies are invited to a bonfire Friday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Marty Mullins' home (111 Highland Meadows Rd., Whitefish). Sign up in the foyer, grab directions and a friend, and enjoy a beautiful fall evening around the fire!

CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY: Join us Sunday, Oct. 9, for a chili lunch at the church after the second service and a trip to the corn maze! Sign up in the foyer so we can plan for food. Maze cost will be paid by the fellowship committee. The maze is on Birch Grove Road East off Hwy 2 and one mile south of Glacier Airport - watch for signs! For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

MEN'S FRATERNITY YEAR 2 "Winning at Work & Home," will start Tuesday, October 11, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer.

#### GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU SEPTEMBER 11:

Targeted Budget = \$260,261.56; Offerings received = \$\$242,552.36

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY is TODAY October 2, from 2-3 p.m. at Hwy 93 and 2 (Main and Idaho), for Christians to pray together for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country. Sponsored by Flathead ProLife.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCHEON Friday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Lunch for \$10 will be served at Northridge Lutheran Church OR delivered to your business/office. Call 752-7266 to order. NIN helped over 900 families in 2015.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

**SERVING:** October Deacon: Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

**Worship Services** 

# Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: J. Thompson/G. Hanson

Nursery 11 a.m.: Abney/Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Judy Fosbery

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Diane Nugent

Next Sunday - October 9th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne Nursery 8:15 a.m.: S. Thompson/Embry

Nursery 11 a.m.: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Theresa Paolini

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am
Sunday School
Sundays 10 pm
Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women 2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Wednesdays 7 pm