

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory
September 11, 2016

"The Lord said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Genesis 22:2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: Habitat for Humanity

Call to Worship

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME - Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing, and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide, and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one; clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole! Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows. (Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever! *(Chorus)*

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

When the morning falls on the farthest hill, I will sing his name, I will praise him, still. When the dark trials come and my heart is filled with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;

and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(Repeat all)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

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Call to Confession

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's

acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his

forgiveness.

presence, we

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior–Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 2:1-3

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

*JESUS PAID IT ALL - Hymn #308

I hear the Savoir say, your strength indeed is small Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me your all in all

(Chorus)

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find, your power and yours alone Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone (Chorus)

For nothing good have I, whereby your grace to claim I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb (Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat (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 Fellowship Hall)

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love; through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil; (Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (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.)

The Peaks of God's Promises - Kalispell Community Sermon Series Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. Mount Moriah - The Promise Provided

Genesis 22:1-14 (ESV)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ... And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together ...

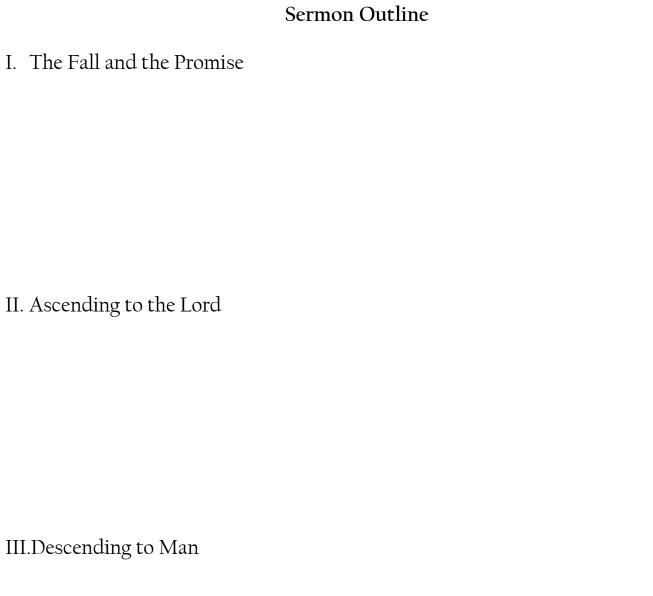
Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

John 19:14-18

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

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Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

- 1. In Gen 22, list out the similarities between Jesus and Isaac in the sacrifice. How are they different?
- 2. In 1 Chr 21 (also 2 Sam 24), we are given the account of David's sin which brought a plague on the Israel. David offers sacrifice to the Lord at a location that would later become the place of the temple. 2 Chr 3:1 calls it Mt. Moriah. How does this tie in with Gen 22 and also with the crucifixion?
- 3. The Lord provides for the promises he has made. We see that Jesus is both the priest who offers the sacrifice to God, and he is the sacrifice itself. How does this tie in with 1 Tim 2:5?
- 4. The temple area had been a threshing floor at one point (cf 2 Sam 24)— the place where wheat and chaff are separated. How is that a symbolic picture of what the Lord does for us at the temple?
- 5. Consider: "Christianity is not reconciliation with death ... Only if Christ is life, is death what Christianity proclaims it to be, namely the enemy to be destroyed, and not a "mystery" to be explained." Alexander Schmemann. How does this reality prepare us for the promise of life after death that still awaits us?
- 6. From Genesis to Revelation, God has revealed his great plan of redemption from start to finish. How do the Lord's fulfilled promises strengthen us for tomorrow's trials?

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.

*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.

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

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.

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.

*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day. There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.
(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more. *(Chorus)*

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest? (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.

<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: Public city and county schools, Stillwater Christian School, Trinity Lutheran & St. Matthew schools

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Kevin Johnson with United World Mission at the Biblical Seminary of Columbia in Medellín.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins TODAY at 10 a.m. Sunday School classes for adults will be *Bioethics* with Pastor Pierson in the sanctuary or *Old Testament Survey: Law & History* with Jim Tinkham in the fellowship hall. Classes for youth are in the following rooms:

Babies: Infant Nursery 2's & 3's: Toddler Nursery

3rd & 4th Grades: Carriage Room 5th & 6th Grades: Basement Classroom

7th & 8th Grades: Balcony Room High School: Library

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY: Faith Covenant will host the regional fall presbytery meetings for PCA pastors from MT, WY and CO on Sept. 14-16. You are invited to attend the presbytery meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, at 1-4 p.m. and the worship service that evening at 7 p.m.

YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN SEPT. 21: The junior high group (6-8 grades) will meet at the church and the senior group (9-12) will meet at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluestone Dr.).

CHOIR SURVEY: Interested in singing in a choir at Faith Covenant? Fill out the survey in the foyer (by the nursery) and return it to the church office by Sept. 18. Contact Terri Miller (755-2938) or Micah Hunter (406-382-0571) with questions.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish, Sunday, Sept. 18, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

HABITAT WORK DAY: Faith Covenant is signed up as a church to help Habitat for Humanity on a building project in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm. Sign up in the foyer or contact Jim Rowe (249-7970). Lunch is provided.

SERVING: September Deacon: Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Scott & Sue Richardson Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Paolinis Nursery 11 a.m.: Russells

Fellowship Hosts: Maryann Wilkerson & Laura Pierson Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - September 18th

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Worship Services
Sundays 8:15 & 11 am
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