

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 16, 2016

*“This was according to the eternal purpose
that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
in whom we have boldness and access with
confidence through our faith in him.”*

Ephesians 3:11-12

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Jeremiah 31:6-7*

Leader: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'" For
thus says the LORD:

All: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for
the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O
LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

***MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** - *Hymn #521*

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne*

(Chorus)

**Indicates when to stand.*

*IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

*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.

**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.

***THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins.
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
and there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away;
and there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood shall never lose its power
'till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more;
'till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply
redeeming love has been my theme and shall be 'till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme and shall be 'till I die.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" —

All: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn" —

All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: "Blessed are the meek" —

All: but we are a stiff-necked people.

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Leader: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” —

All: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: “Blessed are the merciful” —

All: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: “Blessed are the pure in heart” —

All: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: “Blessed are the peacemakers” —

All: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness” —

All: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” —

All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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)

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.)

BEAUTIFUL LORD

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: Ephesians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Mystery Revealed - Ephesians 3:1-13 (ESV)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Sermon Outline

I. Made known by revelation

II. Made known through demonstration

A. Sacrificing to self

B. Sacrificing for others

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. What was hidden has now been revealed—the gentiles are now in. Yet what are we to make of those who lived long before this happened? How does the gospel help us when we encounter struggles with God's inscrutable sovereignty?
2. In what way did revelation come to God's people so that it was safeguarded from claims that God had spoken to a particular person that he had not?
3. When we think of the many people who are willing to kill themselves for the cause of Allah, how does Paul's own self-sacrificing zeal differ from this?
4. Why is it best to start with who Jesus is when engaging with disagreements about other Biblical issues?
5. How has the demand to bow your knee to Jesus in every area of your life helped you to be transformed in your thinking? What challenges do you face in this surrender?

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.

*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)

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

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.

***TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE** - *Hymn #585 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6*
Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee

***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.

Leaders & Staff

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: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Kayden Schmautz with 100 Fold Studios, YWAM.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Oct. 17-20 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please fill out the form in the foyer if any of your information has changed since the last directory. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included. If you would like to include children/family that do not live here, please use a SEPARATE form for them. (*You will be contacted and scheduled if you need a photo taken or updated.*) Return forms in the box in the foyer or to the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Mark your calendar for a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct., 30, at 10:30 a.m. to approve a call to Pastor Taylor Clark as associate pastor.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, Oct. 16**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. *Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 13.*

SERVING: October Deacon: Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: H. Hanson

Nursery 11 a.m.: Tinkham/Turner

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan/Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner/Mark Rice

Next Sunday - October 23rd

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Bennett/Jenks

Nursery 11 a.m.: Dyes

Fellowship Hosts: Donelle Holderbaum

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

Worship Services

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

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