

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 15, 2017

*Jesus stood up and said to her,
“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said,
“Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”
John 8:9-11*

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

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***CORNERSTONE**

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)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Forgive us of the great evil of abortion within our country and within our community. Cleanse us from our defilement. Apart from you, we are nothing. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and forever. Amen.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

***THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD - Hymn #111**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and around me rings, the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white, declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one

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.)

Pastor Taylor Clark
A Gospel for the Worst of Us
John 8:1-11 (ESV)

¹but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Why is it an important point that the Pharisees and Scribes did not bring forward the male whom this woman was caught in an adulterous affair with?
2. What is the significance of Jesus writing on the ground as the Pharisees spoke (perhaps an explanation beyond what was mentioned in the sermon?)
3. This Gospel account legitimizes itself through its writing, literary style, and gracious action by Christ. How does this Gospel account flow with the nature of the other three Gospels?
4. How does this Gospel account inform our dealing with sin in general?

Sermon Outline

Do we hate our sin more than we hate the sin of others?

I. Selective Application

A. Setting the Trap

B. Stooping in Silence

II. Universal Application

A. Convicting Charge

B. Redemptive Pardon

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.

*O HOW I LOVE JESUS

There is a name I love to hear
I love to sing its worth
It sounds like music in my ear
The sweetest name on earth

(Chorus)

*Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me*

It tells me of a Savior's love
Who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood
The sinner's perfect plea

(Chorus)

It tells me of a Father's heart
Who feels my deepest woe
Who with each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below

(Chorus)

He first loved me

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

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.

*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.*

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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 Taylor Clark

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

Deacons: 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: Central Bible Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Peter Barber

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ on the Tajikistan/Uzbekistan border.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, Jan. 18, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**.

A 6 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7 p.m. meeting. The 2017 budget information is available in the foyer - please take one per family.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup, any kind, are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each.

Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 18.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP: We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). Sign up by January 22 in the foyer!

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the PCA denomination? Sign up in the foyer. Classes are Sundays after second service starting February 5 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **TODAY, Sunday, Jan. 15**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

TURNER ADOPTION FUNDRAISER: Everyone is invited to a Chinese New Year Dinner & Silent Auction Friday, Jan. 20, at 6-8:30 p.m. at Canvas Church to help Josh and Jane Turner adopt two Chinese children. Dinner is \$10/plate or \$35/family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or email joshuaandjaneturner@yahoo.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Flathead Prolife holds its annual rally Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at noon with lunch at Central Bible Church followed by march to Depot Park.

SERVING: January Deacon: Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jevon Clark & Lloyd Pierson/Bruce & Benni Tulloch

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Riley

Nursery 11 a.m.: Turner

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday - Jan. 22nd

Ushers: Jevon Clark & Lloyd Pierson/Bruce & Benni Tulloch

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Sullivan/Brenneman

Nursery 11 a.m.: Anderson

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosbery

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Jeanie Brenneman

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

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm