

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory February 12, 2017

"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light."
Ephesians 5:8

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

#### **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.

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

# \*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

\*Indicates when to stand.

# \*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

#### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

#### \*ARISE O GOD AND SHINE

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might, And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light; Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise; Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways. Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee. God, our own God, His Church will bless, And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King, Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing; Let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# 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:** Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of our Redeemer – Jesus. (Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946)

#### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE: Psalms 5:11-12

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

#### \*GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

(Chorus)
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. (Chorus)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive? (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)

# 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.)

# BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face; Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss, My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

# Sermon Series: *Ephesians 5 & 6*Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. Walking as Children of the Light - Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### Sermon Outline

I. God's sovereign grace on display

II. Light that transforms

# Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

- 1. In v-8, the darkness has no qualifier. To be in the light means to be in the Lord. To be in darkness is to walk that path alone. How is this an encouragement to your faith knowing you do not walk alone in the light?
- 2. Consider: "For we see from experience that men never fare one whit the better by having their ears beaten with the teaching of the truth. For one may take pains to teach them, and yet it shall be but labor lost. Therefore our Lord must of necessity make his sun shine, that is to say, just as he commands and ordains that his Word should be preached to us, so also he gives us eyes to enjoy the same light." Calvin
- 3. Because Jesus is the light of the world (Jn 8:12) we are the light of the world (Mt 5:14, Phil 2:15). In what ways do we shine in the darkness as the Church?
- 4.One writer says: "The Christian ethic is largely an ethic of discernment." Verse 10 tells us to discern. Why is this a challenge for believers, and how does it free us from legalism?
- 5. How do we expose works of darkness? How do we learn to live in our society without sacrificing to its gods?
- 6. The fruit of the light (v-9) is similar to the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). How do these show themselves in both love for God and love for neighbor?
- 7. The end of v-14 seems to be either a song or a statement of faith from the early church. It is a compilation of different texts. How is it an encouragement?

#### 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.

# \*JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

#### 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.

# 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.

# \*'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! (Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. (Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end. *(Chorus)* 

#### \*BENEDICTION

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

#### 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. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)
Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,
Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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: Canvas Church, Kalispell, Pastor Kevin Geer
- MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Jim & Jill Hadlock serving with CRU in Florida on the Jesus Film Project for southern and eastern Africa.
- LADIES IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! For ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, March 4, come take time away to study and reflect and connect with the women of Faith Covenant. Join us 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to study 1 Peter and enjoy brunch and dinner at Julie Thompson's home on beautiful Echo Lake (MAP on registration form). Registration just \$15! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 28.
- NEW SMALL GROUP: Pastor Taylor will start a new small group Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting March 1 at his home (14 Glacier Street, Kalispell) to study Job: Lessons in Suffering (\$14 for book). Childcare will rotate through group. Sign up in the foyer if you would like to join.
- REFUGE KIDS VOLUNTEERS: Refuge Ministries is in a need of a few more volunteers for Refuge Kids. No special training required, just help caring for the children of Refuge clients during their group meeting. Contact the office if interested.
- CD SALE: Reflections of the Runaway, Pastor Taylor's latest CD, is for sale in the lobby (\$10 each).
- CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.
- SERMON RECORDINGS and some adult Sunday School recordings can be found at our website faithcov.com. Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the sermon title.

**SERVING:** February Deacon: Mike Stahlberg

# Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Kyle & Cathy Hanson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Streich/Saldamando

Nursery 11 a.m.: Abney/Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Hanson & Kate Anderson Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday - Feb. 19th

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rowe/Hernandez

Nursery 11 a.m.: Neumanns

Fellowship Hosts: Terri Miller & Kelly Brown Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Mark Rice

#### WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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