

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 14, 2017

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure
hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.
Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field."*

Matthew 13:44

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Micah 4:1-2; Psalm 86:9-10*

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say:

All: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

All: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

***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)

***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.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unending, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

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.**

continued above

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.

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 pursuing 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)

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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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.)

*HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast
In the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me
In the house of God forever

(repeat)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Owen Scott Motley

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)

ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

(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!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

Sermon Series: Parables of Jesus
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Hidden Joy - Matthew 13:44-46 (ESV)

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,
⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Sermon Outline

I. Parables— Give and Take Away

II. A Surprising find —the Value of Salvation

III. A Sacrifice of Joy —the Vision of the Saved

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Some think of parables as quaint illustrations. However, Jesus said they were a form of judgment for unbelief (Mt 13:10-15). Why do you think many do not consider this as a part of intent of the parables?
2. What does it mean that the parables require a greater commitment from disciples? What is hidden about the kingdom?
3. Consider: “Money will not buy salvation. It is a gift of God (Isa 55:1). We can “buy” it only in the sense that we gain rightful possession of it. We do this by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, realizing that even that faith is God’s gift (Eph 2:8)” —W. Hendriksen. How are both parables a display of grace?
4. Some find the kingdom by accident, others by a careful search. It’s value is not dependent on the finder, but upon the kingdom itself. What do these different ways of finding it tell us about God’s mysterious ways of working with fallen humanity? How does this keep us from making salvation a formula?
5. In what way is Paul an example of the parable of the treasure in the field? (Cf Phil 3:8-9, Acts 7:56-60). How is Cornelius an example of the pearl parable? (Acts 10:1-8, also the Ethiopian eunuch Acts 8:26-38).
6. How are joy and gratitude related to grace?

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.

***COME AS YOU ARE**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

**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.

(Chorus)

*(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face, O wanderer come home
You're not too far, so lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

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.

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

*YOUR LOVE, OH LORD

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

*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: Glacier Church, Kalispell
MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Aaron and Angie Scott
leading the Church of the Cross, a PCA church plant in Whitefish.

MEN'S RETREAT: This year's men's retreat will be Friday & Saturday, May 26-27, at Easthaven's camp on Middle Thompson Lake. Sign up in the foyer!

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates during the coffee hour on Sunday, June 4.

UPWARD BOUND VBS MEETING: There will be a short meeting for VBS volunteers Sunday, May 28, after second service. This summer's Upward Bound VBS will be the evenings of June 26-29 for children age four through students entering 6th grade. We still need a few more volunteers so contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) or the church office to join the team!

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY: Summer Bible study for college-age/young adults will kickoff Wednesdays, starting May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersons' (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell) . Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY CURRENT UPDATE:

Targeted Budget = \$132,902.49; Offerings received = \$119,900.68

Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Last year, Faith Covenant collected \$1653.86! Questions? Call 257-5700.

SERVING: May Deacons: Micah Hill & Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Byron & Jess Longenecker

Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Streichs

Nursery 11 a.m.: Ockert & Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

Next Sunday - May 21st

Ushers: Rick & Audrey Goodell/Brian & Kristin Bay

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: J. Thompson

Nursery 11 a.m.: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/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

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

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