

FAITH   
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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 7, 2017*

*“Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ  
with love incorruptible.”*

*Ephesians 6:23-24*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17*

Leader: Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

All: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Leader: For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

All: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

**\*HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**

We stand and lift up our hands,  
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship him now.  
How great, how awesome is he.  
And together we sing – everyone sing.

*(Chorus)*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.  
The earth is filled with his glory.*

*(Repeat all)*

It is rising up, all around.  
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
It's rising up, all around  
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
And together we sing – everyone sing.

*(Chorus)*

*The earth is filled with his glory.  
The earth is filled with his glory*

**\*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

**\*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.

**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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**\*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

**\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON: *Isaiah 12:2***

All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be  
afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and  
he has become my salvation.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 7:11-12*

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

All: We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor. We have not lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a great desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 7:9-10*

Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous- you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

### **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.

**\*BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*(Chorus)*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*(Chorus)*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

*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.)

## NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb  
My unbelief, and all my fear,  
Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light  
'Tis He Who saveth me, and freely pardon gives  
I love because He loveth me,  
I live because He lives!

*Sermon Series: Ephesians 5 & 6*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*In Closing - Ephesians 6:21-24 (ESV)*

<sup>21</sup> So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. <sup>22</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

<sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

### Sermon Outline

I. Personal visit

II. Personal remarks



## Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. How is Tychicus important in Paul's ministry? (cf. Acts 20:4; Col 4:7-8; 2 Tim 4:12; Titus 3:12).
2. Compare Colossians 4:7-8 with Ephesians 6:21-22. Why do you think these verses are nearly identical?
3. "Love" is mentioned three times in the closing line along with peace, faith, and grace. How have these been central themes through this letter?
3. Why is Paul concerned that they not loose heart over his imprisonment (3:13, 6:22)?
5. Prayer, communication and personal visits are all part of what building up one another and the Church. What role do these three play in your life in reaching out to others? Visits are usually costly in time and money, but why are they so important?
6. Consider: "Peace and love belong together, for peace is reconciliation and love is its source and outflow."—John Stott .
7. Why is grace and peace so foundational for our life in Christ? Who is the source of both?

**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 PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)**

I hear the Savoir say, thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine 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, thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

*(Chorus)*

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

*(Chorus)*

*O praise the One who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

*(Chorus)*

**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)*

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*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

### \*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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Grace Church, Kalispell,  
Pastors Chris Miller and Matt Schvaneveldt

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

**DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diaco-  
nal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the  
Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

**TEA ON THE FARM:** Oink, baa, moo ... we invite you! Women and girls of all ages are  
invited to a very special tea party TODAY at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.  
Join us for country cooking and refreshment in the care of our Good Shepherd ...  
boots not required!

**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!

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are vol-  
unteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, May 11, at Central  
Christian Church.

**ONLINE GIVING:** You may now give your offerings through the church website at  
[www.faithcov.com](http://www.faithcov.com). Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple  
directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

**PRAYER CARDS** are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According  
to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders and Deacons only, or put  
on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to an Elder or Pas-  
tor.

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**SERVING:** May Deacons: Micah Hill & Kyle Hanson

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Rick & Audrey Goodell/Byron & Jess Longenecker

Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright

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

Nursery 11 a.m.: Abney/Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Hanson & Tamie Jentz

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday - May 14th**

Ushers: Rick & Audrey Goodell/Byron & Jess Longenecker

Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Streichs

Nursery 11 a.m.: Ockert & Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

**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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