

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 6, 2017

"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:26-29

- Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
- All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
- All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*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

*PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing, and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide, and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one; clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole! Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows. (Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x) Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever! (Chorus)

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*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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*THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally; Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety; 'Twas love that took their cause in hand, And love maintains it to the end.

(Chorus)

Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God; Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from Him can Zion wean; Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart. *(Chorus)*

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love; In endless bliss, His own shall prove The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove. *(Chorus)*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Psalm 95:8-11

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. (*adapted from Daniel 9*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Jeremiah 23:5-6

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: Ephesians 2:8-10

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*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)

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

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he. Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. (*Repeat*)

> (Chorus) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings; you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King. *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name. Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery! (Chorus 2x)

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.)

Summer Psalms & Proverbs Guest Pastor Byron Longenecker *Taste & See That the Lord is Good - Psalm 34 (ESV)*

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Sermon Notes

- "Most sins are ungodly exaggerations of things that are good." -Ed Welch. What 'ungodly exaggerations' in your life are producing anxieties & fears? How might you use Psalm 34 when these fears arise?
- 2) David's experience and God's deliverance led him to see the Lord's goodness. Recall a personal fear in your story. What did you cry out to God? How did God answer?

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.

*'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)*

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)

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*LEAD ON, OH KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home: Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong, And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And Holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears; For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears; Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light: The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

*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: Alethia Church, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller
- MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg with World Ventures in Madagascar
- DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.
- LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our summer book club Wednesday, August 9, to discuss the novel Cutting for Stone. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).
- CHURCH CAMPOUT: Ready for a campout under the stars with your church family? Plan on joining us August 25-26 at Tally Lake! We've reserved the group campsite for Friday and Saturday night. Come for both nights or just the day on Saturday. There is big covered pavilion and lots of camp sites - you provide your own meals, camping gear and water toys. There is no charge but please sign up in the foyer so we know who to watch for! Contact the office for details.
- **COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Aug. 10, at Central Christian Church. To assist, contact Dawn Tinkham (208-640-6060).
- CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday**, **August 20**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: August Deacons are Terry Falk & Kyle Hanson	WEEKLY/MONTHLY
Today (1st service/2nd service)	Worship Services
Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Phil & Carol Van Duyne	Sundays 8:15 & 10 am
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner	Sunday School
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Sharon Thompson	SeptMay 10 am
Nursery 11 a.m.: Abney/Brown	Music Practice
Fellowship Hosts: Tamie Jentz	Tuesdays 5:30 pm
	Trustees
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Mark Rice	1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm
<u>Next Sunday - August 13</u>	Elder/Deacon Meeting
Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Phil & Carol Van Duyne	3rd Tuesdays 7 pm
Children's Church: Gina Wright	Elizabeth Women
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Hanni Hanson	2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon
Nursery 11 a.m.: Ockert/Hernandez	Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus	SeptMay Wednesdays 7 pm
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Benni Tulloch	College/Career Small Group
	Wednesdays 6:30 pm

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