

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 20, 2017

*“A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back.”*

Proverbs 29: 11

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:18-21**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! - Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.
(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

*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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***JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS** - *Hymn#498 vs.1-3 and 5*

Jesus what a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

(Chorus)

Jesus what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

(Chorus)

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6:12-13*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

All: God of grace, you love me, but I have not loved you. You call, but I have not listened. I walk away from my neighbors in need, wrapped up in my own concerns. By my action and my attitude I praise what you condemn. Help me to admit my sin, so that as you come to me in mercy, I may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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.

***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.*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Ireland Rae Longenecker

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)

***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

(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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

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

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
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Taking Down the Big Three: Complaining, Criticism, and Conflict
Proverbs 29:11 (ESV)

Proverbs 29:8-9, 11, 22

⁸ Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath.

⁹ If a wise man has an argument with a fool,
the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.

¹¹ A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back.

²² A man of wrath stirs up strife,
and one given to anger causes much transgression.

Proverbs 20:3

It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.

Proverbs 26:20-21

²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

²¹ As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

Sermon Outline

I. Digital dangers in an anonymous world

II. Criticism is not a spiritual gift

III. Gratitude—an antidote to grumbling

**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.

Sermon Notes

1. Rarely has anyone said, “I just have to get this off my chest,” and anything good resulted. How does Biblical wisdom direct us to speak in times of tension?
2. What makes online communication difficult? What are ways we can avoid the pitfalls of this contextless medium?
3. How is gratitude an antidote for complaining? Looking back over last week, how have you done with cultivating a thankful heart?
4. How do the Psalms help us to direct our complaints to the Lord? (Read Psalm 142:1-2)
5. In what way are you encouraged by Philippians 2:14-15?
6. How does understanding God’s sovereignty and contentment go together? (Read Phil 4:11-13.) How does the gospel enable us to try and change difficult circumstances while avoiding complaining? Consider: “The Christian knows he has no right to complain of anything, because he is a sinner; and he has no reason, because he is sure the Lord does all things well. Therefore, his submission is not forced, but is an act of trust.” —John Newton

*ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

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.

***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

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: Bible Study Fellowship
MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg with World Ventures in Madagascar

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 nights. 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.

MEN'S FRATERNITY: "The Quest for Authentic Manhood" starts Wednesday, September 13 at 6 a.m.! Sign up in the foyer ASAP for year 1 of Men's Fraternity, a weekly study that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity in scripture. Those ready for Men's Fraternity Year 3 will use the new 33 Series beginning in October ... watch for details soon! Contact Rik Goodell for info (890-1973).

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY UPDATE:

Targeted Budget = \$228,887.62 ; Offerings received = \$207,356.09

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our nursery attendance continues to increase with the blessing of new children in many of our families so we need more adults (or teenagers) to help out with childcare during worship services. Contact Sara Motley (249-7513) for more information.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, TODAY, **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)

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Gina & Sophia Wright

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: H. Hansons

Nursery 11 a.m.: Turner/Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - August 27th

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Neumanns

Nursery 11 a.m.: Olmsteads

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

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

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

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