

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 10, 2017

*“He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded.”*

Psalms 105:7-8

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99:1-5**

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy

*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)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Call to Worship

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***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)

the name above all other names.

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.

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.

continued above

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 pursue 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)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:1-3*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

Call to Confession

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, 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)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Faith Elisabeth Rigler

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.)

*THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite;
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,
The promise engages, the Lord will provide.

His call we obey, like Abram of old,
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;
For though we are strangers we have a good Guide,
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide

When Satan appears to stop up our path,
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, the Lord will provide

He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain,
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain,
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied,
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name;
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide

When life sinks apace and death is in view,
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting "the Lord will provide"

Psalm 105—The Faithfulness of God
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
God's Covenant Promises - Psalm 105 :1-11 ESV)

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- ⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations,
- ⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- ¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

Sermon Outline

I. Remembering in Praise

II. Keeping His Covenant

Sermon Questions

1. What are ways believers live out verse 1 beyond the walls of the church?
2. This is the only psalm that speaks of Abraham in any extended way. What is his importance here in this psalm?
3. God's promises are given to real people in real history. The Lord does not try to escape human history but reveals himself in it. How is that an encouragement to us? Why is it important that we remember God is present in the dirt and soil of our history?
4. We forget, but the Lord does not. What is the value of corporate remembering in worship of events long past?
5. 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 contains Psalm 105:1-15, Psalm 106 :47-48 and Psalm 96. What does that occasion tell us about this psalm in the worship of God's people?
6. In what way does the gospel bring us back to this psalm with newness?

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

***TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

(Chorus)

*Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee*

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for 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)*

The Lord's Supper

The gospel is
not only heard,
but visibly seen
as God invites
us to commune
with him at his
table. In the
Lord's Supper
we remember
and experience
Jesus' saving
work.

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

*O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*BENEDICTION

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

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

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: Kalispell & Flathead County Schools, Stillwater Christian, Trinity Lutheran, St. Matthew's, and Heritage Learning

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim Bentson, PCA Mission to the World in Osaka, Japan, with Genesis International College

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins TODAY at 10 a.m. Sunday School classes for adults will be *Pearls for Parenting* with Pastor Pierson in the sanctuary or *Being Presbyterian* with Pastor Clark in the fellowship hall. Classes for youth are in the following rooms:

Babies: Infant Nursery

2's & 3's: Toddler Nursery

4's & 5's: Corner Basement Classroom

1st & 2nd Grades: Sanctuary Classroom

3rd & 4th Grades: Carriage Room

5th & 6th Grades: Basement Classroom

7th & 8th Grades: Balcony Room

High School: Library

YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. Junior high group (6th-8th grades) will meet at the church with Sean & Lisa Iddings, and senior high group (9-12th grades) will meet at Trent & Becky Neumanns' home (111 E. Bluegrass Dr.)

FEED THE FLATHEAD: Our church provides a meal for the community kitchen at Central Christian Church on the second Thursday each month. New volunteers are needed to bring food and/or work in the kitchen that night. Our next dinner is Sept. 14. Please contact Dawn Tinkham to find out how you can help (dp.cole4@gmail.com).

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jill McKenzie Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr.). If you would like to contribute to a group gift card, contact Kristin Bay (249-2411).

MEN'S FRATERNITY 3 starts Thursday, September 21, at 6 a.m.! Sign up in the foyer ASAP for year 3 of Men's Fraternity, a weekly study that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity in scripture. On October 11, the new 33 Series will begin. Sign up in the foyer for either program or contact Grady Bennett (314-4207) or Rik Goodell (890 1973).

NEW MEMBER CHURCH POTLUCK: Everyone is invited for lunch Sunday, Sept. 24, after second service to meet new families that have been joining our church family. Please bring a salad (last names A-L) or dessert (last names M-Z); main dish will be provided.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY UPDATE: Targeted Budget: \$258,421.51
Offerings received = \$234,519.53

SERVING: September Deacons are Micah Hill & Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Paolinis

Nursery 11 a.m.: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - September 17th

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

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

Nursery 11 a.m.: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Marlo Lancaster & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup:Carolynn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 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