

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 15, 2018

*“They were astonished at Jesus’ teaching,
for he taught them as one who had authority,
and not as the scribes.”*

Mark 1:22

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Samuel 22:47-50**

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,

All: **the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under me, who brought me out from my enemies;**

Leader: You exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from men of violence.

All: **For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.**

***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!

*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)

*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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***ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

continued above

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"–
 All: but we have been rich in pride.
 Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn"–
 All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.
 Leader: "Blessed are the meek"–
 All: but we are a stubborn people.
 Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"–
 All: but we are filled to the full with other things.
 Leader: "Blessed are the merciful"–
 All: but we are harsh and impatient.
 Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart"–
 All: but we have impure hearts.
 Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers"–
 All: but we have not sought reconciliation.
 Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness"–
 All: but our lives do not challenge the world.
 Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"–
 All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.
 Leader: Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect but they are both too great for us.
 All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.
 (*adapted from Matthew 5:3-11*)

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: *Hebrews 9:15*

He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

***O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!** - *Hymn #535*

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love -
leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - 'tis heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

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.)

ONLY A HOLY GOD

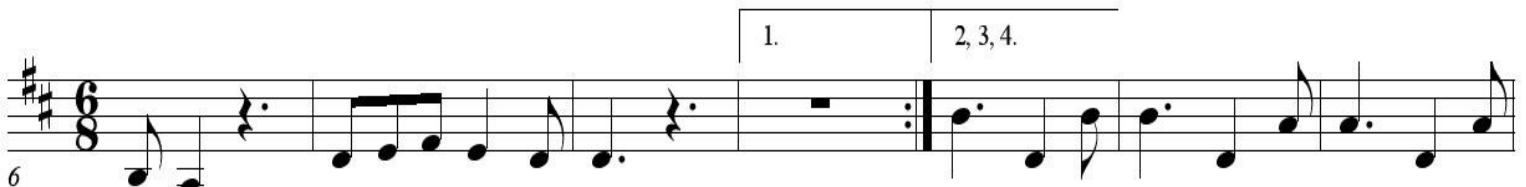
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,
Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



1. Who else commands all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him



trem - bles	On - ly a Ho - ly God.	1.	2, 3, 4.
just - ice?	On - ly a Ho - ly God.		
feat - ed/	On - ly a Ho - ly God.		
Fa - ther?	On - ly a Ho - ly God.		

5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God) Come and be - hold Him, the One and the



On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly



19 God.

To Verse
chorus repeated at the end

Series on Mark: Who is this Jesus?
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Authority of Jesus - Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon Outline

I. The Teacher

Sermon Outline, continued

II. The Power Encounters

Sermon Questions

1. Mark highlights the power of Jesus' teaching throughout his gospel. The exorcism of the demon was a demonstration of his teaching authority. Or as one writer has said: "Jesus' word is deed." What problems occur when the miracles of Jesus are separated from the teaching of Jesus?
2. What are we to make of the power encounters that accompany Jesus as he ministers? How does this relate to his message of the kingdom of God being at hand?
3. Mark is careful to distinguish between those who are sick and those who are possessed. How might you respond to someone who thinks demonic beings are superstitious holdovers from the ancient world?
4. Why do you think Jesus forbid the demon to speak about him?
5. What is often "described" in Scripture is not necessarily "prescribed" in Scripture. What challenges do we face in trying to discern between the two?
6. As Mark tells us about the uniqueness of Jesus, what has encouraged you about his authority?

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.

**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.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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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

*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.

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 *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,
Pastor Jason Snackenberg

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle with Bible Correspondence
Course and Operation Mobilization in Istanbul Turkey

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening
service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant dis-
traction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful lit-
urgy of worship.

SPACE PROBE VBS JUNE 25-28: Coming this summer! Space Probe: A Faith-
Fueling Odyssey for children age four through students entering 6th grade the eve-
nings of Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28! Please prayerfully consider
serving the children in our church and community through one of the following
roles: teacher, song leader, dinner and snack team, registration, recreation, nursery,
sound and crafts. Please contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) or the church office
by April 30 to join the team, and thanks to those who have already volunteered!

LADIES' TROPICAL TEA: We invite you to a tropical escape for the women and girls
of Faith Covenant Sunday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Join us
for island inspired treats and colorful décor with our speaker Kelly Swenson. Please
RSVP by signing up in the foyer. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn
more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Sign
up in the foyer for Just Looking Class on Sundays after second service starting May 13
for four weeks. Lunch provided.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant
in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **TODAY, April 15**, at 5 p.m. at the
Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Greg & Heliana Embry
Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright
Nursery 8:15 am: Salmela/Bennett
Nursery 11 am: Anderson
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Thompson & Jennifer Hargett
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Lorrie Gomez

Next Sunday - April 22nd

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Josh & Marlo Lancaster
Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson
Nursery 8:15 am: Petersen/Goodell
Nursery 11 am: Turners
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Jenny Heyboer
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Theresa Paolini

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Youth Groups

Wednesdays Sr 6:30 & Jr 7 pm

Young Adult Group

1st & 3rd Sundays 6 pm

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