

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 22, 2018

*“For wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.”
Proverbs 8:11*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-3**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

***PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53 vs. 1,3,5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore're we adore Him

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us
When Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)

**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.

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Judges 2:7, 10-11*

And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.

All: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit, keep me from forgetting all your mighty works in my life, increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, and not do evil in your sight; and that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Samuel 2:7-9*

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

Amen, Amen.

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.)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

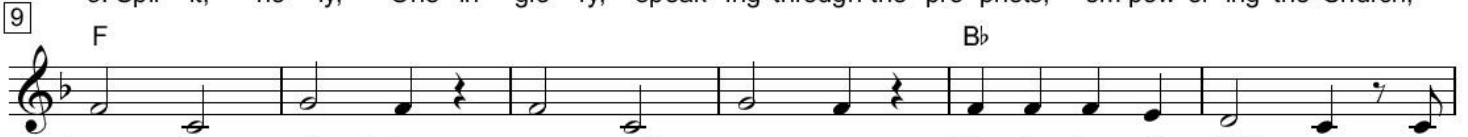
Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)

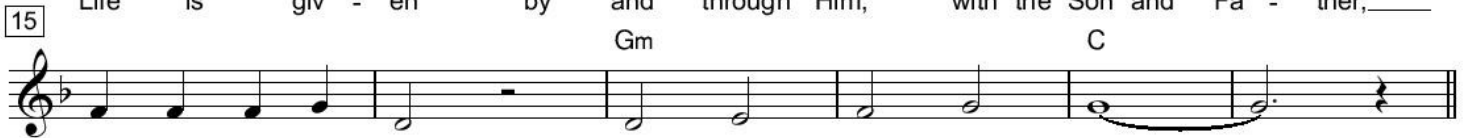
THIS IS OUR GOD



1. God, our Fa-ther, full of pow-er, Ma-ker of the hea-vens, Ma-ker of the world;
 2. Our Lord Je-sus sent to save us, born un-to a vir-gin, lived a per-fect life;
 3. Spir-it, ho-ly, One in glo-ry, speak-ing through the pro-phets, em-pow-er-ing the Church;

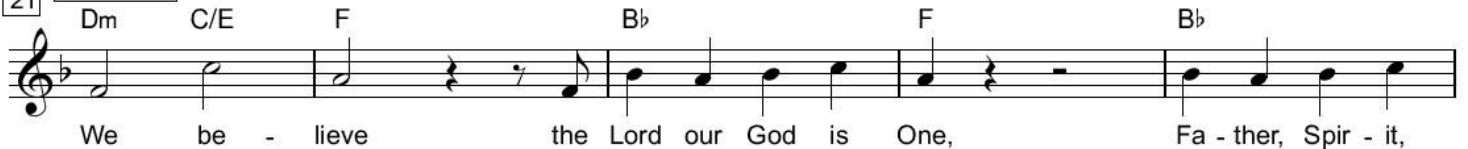


Form-ing all things, seen and un-seen, Tru-ly the Al-might-y be-
 Great-ly suf-fered, dy-ing for us. From the grave He's ris-en,
 Life is giv-en by and through Him, with the Son and Fa-ther, _____

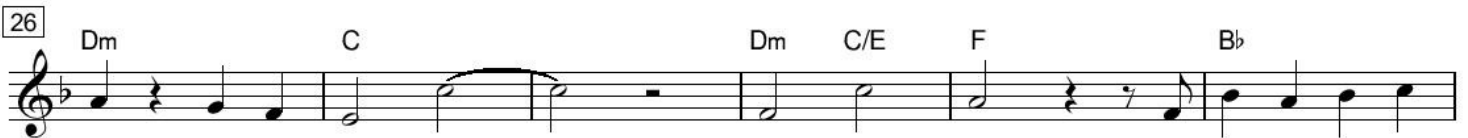


yond all mea-sured worth, Ho-ly is His Name. _____
 seat-ed now on high. Ho-ly is His Name _____
 wor-shipped and a-dored. Ho-ly is His Name _____

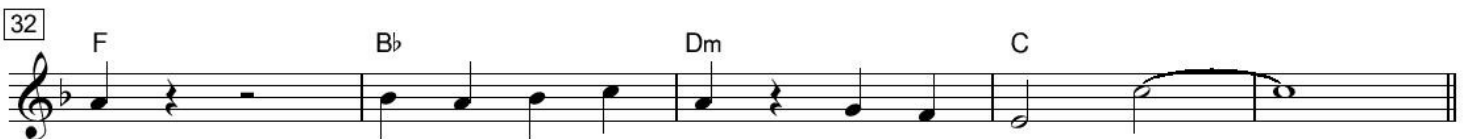
21 CHORUS



We be-lieve the Lord our God is One, Fa-ther, Spir-it,

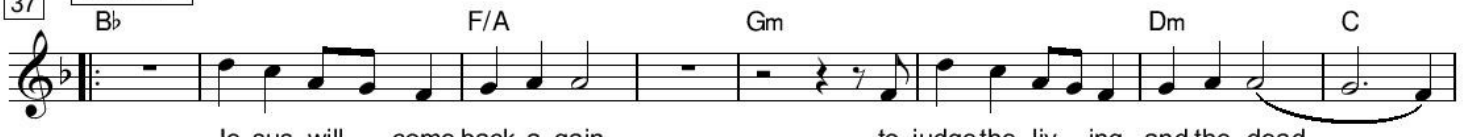


Son; this is our God! _____ We be-lieve for-ev-er He will



reign. Let the church pro-claim: this is our God!

37 BRIDGE



Je-sus will come back a-gain to judge the liv-ing and the dead, _____



ush-er in the age to come; let ev-ery-one sing a-men.



let ev-ery-oen sing a-men. _____

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Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Power of A New Affection - Proverbs 3:13-15

Proverbs 3:13-15

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 11:6

The righteousness of the upright delivers them,
but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires.

Proverbs 13:19

A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul,
but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools.

Proverbs 23:17

Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.

Proverbs 24:1

Be not envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them,
for their hearts devise violence, and their lips talk of trouble.

Sermon Outline

- I. Trapped by old desires

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Training new desires

III. Today, if you hear his voice

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.

Sermon Questions

1. In our culture, what you feel most strongly is who you are. “My desires are my truest self.” Why is this a wrong way to view ourselves?
2. Consider Charles Spurgeon: “Holy desire must lead to resolute action ... We shall find our desires to be like clouds without rain, unless followed up by practical endeavors.” How can you bring actions to your desires to help change?
3. Jonathan Edward reminds us: “God is [our] highest good ... the enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied ... Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows; but God is the substance. These are but scattered beams, but God is the sun.” In what way does this help us direct our desires rightly?
4. Our desires can be cultivated in good ways or bad ways. We can learn to desire the wrong things from poor upbringings or prolonged bad situations. Style and taste in music, literature, and even relationships can all be cultivated to grow and expand or to stay small and static. Where do you see the challenge of the cultivation of godly desires in your life right now?
5. How does the love of Jesus in your heart help to crowd out competing affections?

***THY WILL BE DONE**

My God and Father! while I stray,
Far from my home in life's rough way,
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If Thou shouldst call me to resign,
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine.
I only yield Thee what was Thine;
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If but my fainting heart be blest,
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God! To Thee I leave the rest,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine, and take away,
All now that makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Then when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!" (2x)

**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.

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.

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.

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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Chaplains Drew Buckner (Braveheart) and Darren Schwartz (KRMC)

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for our member family finishing up their support raising and moving to the Middle East this fall to help plant churches.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with the family from our church that is going to help plant churches in the Middle East. Learn more about their plans Sunday, July 29, after second service. Sign up in the foyer or RSVP to the church office by July 26.

BIKES YIKES: You're invited on a bike ride Sunday afternoon, July 29 at 3:30 on the bike path west of town. Contact Terry Falk for details (270-1308).

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY: Tim and Kate Anderson host Bible study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell) for college-age/young adults. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions. They will not meet July 25 but will resume August 1.

SAVE THE DATE! FCC CHURCH CAMP: Plan on joining us September 21-23 at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat (Easthaven's camp facility) for camp with your church family! Watch for registration details later this summer.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, August 9, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERMON RECORDINGS can be found at our website faithcov.com. Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the sermon title.

SERVING: July Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mattern Family

Children's Church: Becky Neumann (vol. 3 #8)

Early Nursery: Petersen & Goodell

Late Nursery: Lancaster

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday - July 29th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer (vol. 3 #9)

Early Nursery: S. Thompson

Late Nursery: Wright

Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Judy Fosberry

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Benni Tulloch

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wednesdays

Young Adult College/Career Group

Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm

(Dinner & Study @ Andersons')

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