

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*March 31, 2019*

*“Abraham believed God,  
and it was counted to him as righteousness.”  
Romans 4:3*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-4, 8**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### **\*BLESS THE LORD (10,000 REASONS)**

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

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when to stand.  
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**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*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.

**\*HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER (PSALM 23)**

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast  
In the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever  
(Repeat All)

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13***

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**All:** Lord, too often I am easily overtaken by my temptations. I do not take you at your word by looking for a way of escape. I do not struggle enough against my sins, and I seldom try to endure against them with any real effort. Righteous Father, you are faithful and merciful. Forgive me my sins for the sake of your Son Jesus. Grant to me new and fresh obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

### **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.

**\*JESUS PAID IT ALL (O 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)*

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS - Hymn #629

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry, ev'rything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry, ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

### 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.)

*Romans: Coming Under Grace*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*The Many Sons of Abraham — Romans 4:1-12 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

<sup>9</sup> Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup> He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup> and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

### Sermon Outline

#### I. Righteousness Not a Wage Earned



## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. Righteousness Not From The Law

**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 Questions

1. In Acts 15:1, some were expressly saying that Christians could not be saved unless they were circumcised. Why do you think Paul went to such great lengths to place circumcision as a part of the law and not the promise?
2. Why is it incorrect to think of God swapping my faith for his righteousness? How is faith the channel for God's undeserved righteousness?
3. What is meant by the "great exchange" here in Romans?
4. Why is it important to keep "justification" and "sanctification" two separate acts of God?
5. In what way does Paul use David (Ps 32:1-2) to support his argument?
6. How does Abraham's justification serve to unite the church?

# \*YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no  
 The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my  
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and  
 side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I  
 joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I  
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I  
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
 hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will  
 hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my  
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not  
 lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not  
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not  
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.  
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## 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

### \*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94, vs 1-3, 6

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed  
for I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to His foes.  
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

### \*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 (*sabbatical*), 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:** Grace Church, Mt Vernon, Washington, Pastor Dave Klein

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Jim & Jill Hadlock with the CRU Jesus Film Project.

**EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED** in honor or memory of your loved ones. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10 (per lily), no later than today Sunday, April 14.

**EASTER SERVICES:** Please join us on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 21, Faith Covenant Deacons will cook and serve breakfast between the two services at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Childcare available.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, April 11, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The annual 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion has started outside All Families Healthcare in Whitefish. Faith Covenant has committed to praying for 24 hours on Tuesday, April 9. Participants must sign a statement of peace and place in box in the foyer when they sign up for a shift. Questions? Call Ken Miller (250-2383). Sidewalk 101 (details for those participating) and signs are also available in the foyer.

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**SERVING:** March Deacon - Micah Hill

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

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

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: H. Hansons

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Eilieen Pierson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday April 7th**

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Scott & Jenny Mattern

Children's Church: Judy Peters & Lori George

Early Nursery: S. Thompson/Streichs

Late Nursery: Clarks

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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