

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 24, 2019

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”
Romans 3:23-24*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Exodus 15:1-3, 11*

Leader: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you,
majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

All: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become
my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my
father's God, and I will exalt him.

All: The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

***PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY** - *Hymn #53, vs. 1-2, 4-5*

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 o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade 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'er we adore Him

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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.

***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.

***GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

continued above

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

All: Father cleanse us, for our secret thoughts savor our lusts and our wicked desires.

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

All: Almighty God forgive us, for in our pride we despise humility and submission to others, and do not consider others before ourselves.

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

All: Father we confess that our hearts are filled with deceit, and that we often treat the truth with indifference.

(adapted from Psalm 5:4-6)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

God will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(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)

DOXOLOGY (ROMANS 11)

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.
(Repeat)

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.
How Does the Gospel Reveal God's Righteousness
Romans 3:21-31 (ESV)

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one-- who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Sermon Outline

I. Through Redemption by Jesus

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Through the Law of Faith

**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. How might the death of Christ seem counterintuitive to be the foundation for God's redemption for the world in the first century? Has that objection changed much in later time periods?
2. Paul declares that this new revelation is apart from the law yet witnessed to by the law. Why are both of these essential? Consider: "None of God's past actions, and none of the Old Testament promises, make any logical sense apart from Jesus Christ and him crucified."
3. What does "propitiation" mean and why is it important theologically?
4. How is the gospel the great unifier of humanity?
5. How is the exercise of our faith not a "work"?

**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.

***HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

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

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.

*COMMUNION PRAYER



Our Fa-ther we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you



met us in your Son and brought us home. Dy-ing and liv-ing, de-



clar-ing your love, He gave His grace - and opened the gates of glo - ry to

CHORUS



us. So may we who share Christ's bo - dy - live his ri - sen



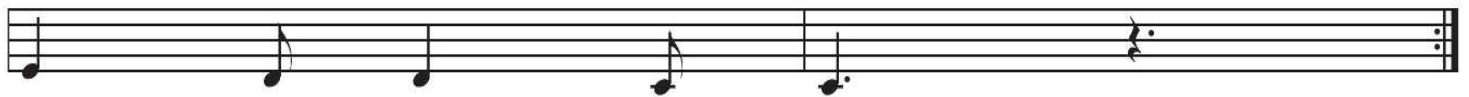
life. We who drink His cup bring life to others. — We whom the



Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.



Keep us firm in the hope that You've set be - fore - us so we and all Your



chil - dren shall be free.

*BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Samaritan House

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.

EASTER CHOIR: Rehearsals for Easter choir will begin during Sunday School Mar. 24-April 14. Choir will sing BOTH services on Easter Sunday. Anyone ages 13 and up are welcome to join. Contact Bekah Marsh for details (434-882-2319).

MISSIONS PRAYER CARD: An updated prayer card with all of our church's sponsored missionaries is available on the missions table in the fellowship hall.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$73,841; Offerings received = \$68,496

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.

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: Hobus

Late Nursery: Anderson

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday March 31st

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Bay Family

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: H. Hansons

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Yvonne Hernandez

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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