

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 10, 2019

*“But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision
is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.
His praise is not from man but from God.”
Romans 2:29*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 9:7-11**

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

All: He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

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***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.

***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.

***I SHALL NOT WANT**

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God, Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God, Deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me O God, Yes, deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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.

***CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone;

weak made strong in the Savior's love;

through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

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)

TO HIM WHO IS ABLE

(Women) To Him Who is able, *(Men)* To Him Who is Able

(Women) To keep you from falling, *(Men)* To keep you from falling

(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him

To Him, to Him, to Him. *(Repeat)*

We are standing in His presence

With our garments clean and white

All glory, honor, power, majesty

To Jesus Christ. *(Repeat All)*

(Women) To Him Who is able, *(Men)* To Him Who is Able

(Women) To keep you from falling, *(Men)* To keep you from falling

Together: To Him, to Him, to Him

To Him, to Him, to Him.

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 Sin of the Religious - Romans 2:17-29 (ESV)

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth-- ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Sermon Outline

I. What is seen on the outside

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Reveals what is on the inside

**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. Consider: “The purpose of Romans is the glory of God seen in a united missionary church humbled together under grace.”—Christopher Ash. How does this section (2:17-29) contribute to this statement?
2. What role does this section have in Paul’s overall argument?
3. You could say that Paul here is taking on the “elder brother’s” self-righteousness. How can we use the things of God to keep us from the heart of God?
4. Why is it important to remember that Paul is not talking about individual Jews, but about Jewish confidence collectively in their status as belonging to the covenant?
5. How does the sin highlighted here by the Jews get lived out by religious people everywhere? How do our actions demonstrate the real intent of our hearts?

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord
strengthens and
nourishes our
faith through a
sacramental
meal. Through
Jesus, commun-
ion 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.

***COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all
times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy
Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION** - Hymn #347, vs. 1, 2, 4-6

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

***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: First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, Pastor Ed Koteskey

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

MOMS HELPING MOMS: Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encouragement Wednesday, March 13, at 9:30-10:45 a.m. (note time change!) at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Call Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COURSE: Everyone is invited to attend a day long class on security and emergency preparedness in our church building led by sheriff's deputy Matt Vander Ark on Saturday, March 16, at 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up in the foyer.

SPRING POTATO POTLUCK: Join us for a Potato Potluck Sunday, March 17, following the second service. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes – you bring the toppings and dessert! Sign up in the foyer to bring items.

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). Sign up in the foyer.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us TONIGHT, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Childcare provided.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, March 14, 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.

SERVING: March Deacon - Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Lillard Family

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Early Nursery: J. Thompsons

Late Nursery: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday March 17th

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Nick & Avery Hanson

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Early Nursery: VanderArks

Late Nursery: Ockert/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Hanni Hanson

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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