

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 5, 2019

*“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Revelation 7:17

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Samuel 22:2-4**

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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***THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing Ruler of my heart, Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me
In death's dark veil I fear no ill, with Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah, Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise, within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

***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.

***BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have
fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not
practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we
have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son
cleanses us from all sin.

continued above

All: My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. (*adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate - 1585*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*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.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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)

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)

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.)

Guest Pastor Byron Longenecker
The Lord is My Shepherd — Psalm 23 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Sermon Outline

- I. Will you trust the WAY of your Shepherd?

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Will you trust WHO your Shepherd is?

Sermon Questions

1. Consider counselor Dan Allender's observation, "We want answers that work, and whatever works becomes the primary grid through which we see the world." How might a primary grid of worship change the answers that you seek?
2. The Divine Shepherd feeds his human sheep through the ordinary means of grace: Scripture, the Sacraments, and Prayer. Are these my expectation of how I am fed spiritually? How might I grow in appreciating and pursuing these ordinary means of grace?
3. Consider Martin Luther's statement on "The Lord is My Shepherd.": "You are not a Christian until you can use the personal pronoun "my". This reveals a commitment to God in response to his commitment to us. What might this look like in my everyday values and commitments?
4. Since Scripture is one way God feeds his people, consider Jesus Christ your Shepherd in the following passages: Matthew 2:6; John 10:1-21; Revelation 7:17; Psalm 107 (see "He" as pointing to Jesus)

Children's Question

How does Jesus shepherd you?

**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.

***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

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
And from the fear of death and trial
And from the fear of humility
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
And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

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.

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

**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.

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: All Souls Missoula, PCA,
Pastor Ryan Sutherland

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for 100 Fold Studios (John & Sam Hudson),
a nonprofit architecture firm providing design services and training architects for
charitable organizations and projects around the world.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaco-
nal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use
the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

LADIES' CINCO DE MAYO TEA: We invite you to tea south of the border for the
women and girls **TODAY** at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fiesta with
Gloria Johnson who will tell us about serving as a missionary in Peru. Please come
even if you didn't have a chance to sign up—we have a place for you!

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief even-
ing service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Childcare available.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school
to graduate school) **please fill out the card in the foyer** and put it in the box or
leave in the office. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 19.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Our Feed the Flathead
crew could use some new hands to help prepare a monthly meal for the commu-
nity kitchen program. The next meal is May 9 at Central Christian Church. Con-
tact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060). And thank you to those who
faithfully serve in this capacity already!

SERVING: April Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Jentzs

Late Nursery: Ockert/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gary & Barb Fenner/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday May 12th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Lillards

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Jenny Heyboer/Kate Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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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