

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 4, 2019

*“Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
‘The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.’”
Psalm 118:15*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:26-29**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

***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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***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**

***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: *Psalms 95:8-11*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. (*adapted from Daniel 9*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION:** *Ephesians 2:8-10*

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - *Hymn #307*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(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)

I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(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.)

Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Glad Songs of Salvation— Psalm 118:15-29 (ESV)

- ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
 "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
 We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
 Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Sermon Outline

I. A Liturgy of Thanks

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. A Messiah to Build On

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. This psalm fits into a liturgy of procession to the temple. Different parts were likely sung back and forth by the congregation as they came to the temple entrance. How does having a liturgy of thanksgiving shape and direct our worship of the Lord?
2. “I shall not die but I shall live.” Through the centuries, Christians have seen this as the transformative power of the resurrection in living out our lives. How does having the horizon of the resurrection before you change how you face the challenges of this life?
3. “The righteous” in the psalms speaks about our relationship to the Lord and not about our personal holiness. Those who take refuge in the Lord are called righteous by virtue of Him. In what ways do you strengthen yourself with the knowledge that being in union with Christ makes you righteous?
4. Verse 23 gets quoted in five places in the NT. It was clearly seen as finding its fulfillment in Jesus. Why do you think this resonated so strongly with the early church?
5. How does a knowledge of our inability to save ourselves enable us to enter into this psalm with the greatest of joys? What hinders you from expressing this at times?

Children’s Question

Why is it good and right for you to give thanks to the Lord continually?

**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.

***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance below)*

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

*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., Associate Pastor John Sackett

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

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Aletheia Church, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & K church planting with PCA's Mission to the World

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

FLOURISH FOR WOMEN: Ladies are invited once a month this summer for a short study on Flourishing in Christ with Bekah Marsh at her home (125 North Haven Dr., Kalispell). The last session is Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. Please join us even if you didn't sign up! Contact Kristin Bay (249-2411) with questions.

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY for college-age/young adults meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersons' (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell). Come and enjoy dinner, a study and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) or Kate (270-7836) with questions..

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$258,445; Offerings received = \$247,785

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, August 8, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: August Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Jim & Ellen Rowe
Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner
Early Nursery: E. Hansons
Late Nursery: Turners
Fellowship Hosts: Carlynn Shahlberg & Eileen Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

Next Sunday August 11th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Brian & Kristin Bay
Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner
Early Nursery: Lillards
Late Nursery: Matterns
Fellowship Hosts: Jenny Heyboer & Kate Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Staci Bennett

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 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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