

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 29, 2019

*“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh
by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless
and above reproach before him.”*

Colossians 1:21-22

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11**

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

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ONLY A HOLY GOD, *continued

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

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

***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.

***FORGIVEN**

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

(Chorus)

*Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

(Chorus)

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 130:3*

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy! Grant us forgiveness, O LORD, for our iniquities are many. For the sake of Jesus, the Redeemer of your people, wipe away our sins. In your mercy renew us, and spur us on to love you, and to love one another, as we wait upon you in hope. Amen. (*Adapted from Psalm 130*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 130:7-8*

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

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.)

Colossians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Reconciled to God — Colossians 1:21-23 (ESV)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sermon Outline

I. Given Assurance

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Called to Persevere

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. Paul explains more of the ministry of Christ. Who are the participants, what is the means, what is the goal, and what are the conditions?
2. The alienation Paul is speaking about, is more than the individual (read also Ephesians 2:14-22). He is speaking of being alienated from the people of God. How does Paul speak of baptism as this border crossing?
3. What does it mean to be enemies of God in our minds and behavior?
4. What is a possible reason Paul says the rather awkward expression: “in his body of death”? Why is reconciliation based on the cross?
5. How do the doctrines of assurance and perseverance come together in the Bible?

Children’s Question

What does it mean that we have been reconciled with God by Jesus?

**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.

***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.

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.

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)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*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.

*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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

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: Canvas Church, Kalispell, Pastor Kevin Geer

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David & Ulrike Byle and their children serving in Germany with Operation Mobilization.

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Classes will be Sundays after second service starting Oct. 6 for four weeks. Lunch provided. Sign up in the foyer.

HAY MAZE & CHILI LUNCH: Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, Oct. 13, at 12:30 p.m. for a chili lunch at the church. Sign up in the foyer for lunch and the hay maze (entry fees paid by the fellowship committee). For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet. Childcare available.

MISSION MEAL: Save the date for a mission meal Sunday, Oct. 20, after church with Dr. Pete Anderson the Director of Trinity Center for World Missions (trinitycwm.org) who will present on Trinity's work in Africa.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCH: Enjoy chili lunch and help families in our community at the annual NIN Chili Lunch Fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 4, at 11 am to 1:30 pm at Northridge Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10/lunch. There is a need for volunteers to deliver and serve (2 delivery people & 4 servers) and bakers to provide 6 pies. Contact Sharon Salyer if you can help (212-1758).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Oct. 10, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: September Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rod & Maryann Wilkerson/James & Belinda Mileur

Children's Church: Judy Peters & Lori George

Early Nursery: Elizabeth Hanson

Late Nursery: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Carlynn Stahlberg & Niam Moody

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Gloria Johnson

Next Sunday October 6th

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Lancaster Family

Children's Church: Julie Thompson

Early Nursery: S. Thompson & Streich

Late Nursery: Marsh & Olmstead

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman

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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