

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*March 22, 2020*

*“When anxiety was great within me,  
your consolation brought me joy.”  
Psalm 94:19*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 29:1-2,4,11**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

**All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Leader: Attribute to the LORD, O heavenly beings, attribute to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: Attribute to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME** - Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
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Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
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**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.

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**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*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.

**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.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

All: Lord, too often I am easily overtaken by my temptations. I do not take you at your word by looking for a way of escape. I do not struggle enough against my sins, and I seldom try to endure against them with any real effort. Righteous Father, you are faithful and merciful. Forgive me my sins for the sake of your Son Jesus. Grant to me new and fresh obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

### **The Apostle's Creed**

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

**\*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - Hymn #252**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
*Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

## JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

*(Chorus)*

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

*(Chorus)*

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

*(Chorus 2x)*

### **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.)

*Sermon Series: Trying Times & Difficult Days*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*I Want to Fly Away — Psalm 55:1-7 (ESV)*

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

<sup>2</sup> Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

<sup>3</sup> because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked.

For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

<sup>6</sup> And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

<sup>7</sup> yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;

### Sermon Outline

#### I. A Great Anxiety

#### II. A Greater Peace



## Sermon Questions

1. Throughout history, Christians have been at the forefront of helping their neighbors in times of crisis. What is it about our hope in Christ that helps us see beyond difficult circumstances? What are personal challenges for you in doing this?
2. What does it mean to “preach the gospel to ourselves”? How can you help do that for yourself and for others?
3. Consider: “The uneasy conscience that many Christians have, and the anxiety based on it, do not come about because they are sinners and backsliders but because they have stopped believing in the truth and efficacy of their beliefs; they measure the power of faith by their own weakness; they project God's world into their own psychological make up instead of letting God measure them. They do something that Christians are forbidden to do: they observed faith from the outside; they doubt the power of hope; they deprive themselves of the power of love; and they lie down to rest in the chasm between the demands of Christianity and their own failure, in a chasm that, for a Christian, is no place at all. Is it any wonder that anxiety seizes them on account of this placelessness.”—Hans Urs von Balthasar
4. Why do we need to be careful to not just say to people: “Just stop being anxious”? What is the difference between accusation and offering hope?
5. The Lord has made us for community. In times when that is restricted, we need to be creative. Share creative ideas with one another. Share the peace of Christ with one another and take this time to broaden your circle.

## Children’s Question

*How does my hope in Jesus help keep me from worrying?*

## 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.

**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.

**\*BE THOU MY VISION**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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

### \*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)

### **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.

### \*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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. 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

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For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** All the churches of the Flathead Valley as they care for their congregations in this time of uncertainty.

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jim & Jill Hadlock in Florida with the Jesus Film Project, CRU.

**FAITH COVENANT ON FACEBOOK:** Be sure to 'like' and follow Faith Covenant on our Facebook page where we will stream services on March 22 and 29. This also a good way to stay updated on changes in church life and ministries.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please call or email the church office (752-2400 or office@faithcov.com), with changes to your contact information or questions about any areas of church life.

**FAMILY CAMP SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for **June 26-28** for camp with your Faith Covenant church family at Thompson Lake this year! Watch for registration later in the spring.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$88,121.77; Offerings received = \$91,455.15

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**SERVING:** March Deacon- Micah Hill

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!

The following ministries are closed March 22 & 29  
Children's Church, Early Nursery, Late Nursery, Fellowship Hosts

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan

**Next Sunday March 29th**

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Staci Bennett

**Worship Services**

Sundays  
8:15 & 11 am  
& 6:30 pm

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