

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 26, 2020

*“Thus the service of the house of the Lord was restored.
And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced
because God had prepared for the people,
for the thing came about suddenly.”
2 Chronicles 29:35-36*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:2-6**

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*BE STILL MY SOUL - Hymn #689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 22:36-40*

‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’

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.

All: O most great, just and gracious God. You condemn the ungodly, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have dishonored and neglected those around us. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have run after temptations and sins, which we should have hated. We are careless, ignorant, rash, and presumptuous against your commands, promises, threats, mercies and judgments. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. (Adapted from Richard Baxter’s *The Savoy Liturgy* 1660)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

OFFERTORY

*(Offerings can be mailed to the church office at
611 Third Ave East, Kalispell MT 59901 or given online at faithcov.com)*

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: The Throne of David—2 Chronicles

Pastor John Sackett

The Priority of Worship — 2 Chronicles 29:1-11 (ESV)

³ In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. ⁴ He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east ⁵ and said to them, “Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place. ⁶ For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the Lord our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord and turned their backs. ⁷ They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel.

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 Outline

I. Consecration:

II. Celebration:

Sermon Questions

1. Verses 29:3 and 29:17 indicate that worship was an absolute priority for Hezekiah. The recent upheavals in our schedules may have helped us to rethink our own priorities. What have you learned about what your priorities are?
2. Hezekiah instructs the priests in 29:4 to carry out the filth from the temple. One theologian remarks “the condition of the temple was a mirror to the condition of the people.” If you work to apply that to yourself, what do you see reflected?
3. 2 Chronicles 29:36 marks a key point in this text. How can you see that God prepared the people for this sudden return to worship? How is God at work in your life preparing you?
4. In chapter 30, there are at least four elements of repentance mentioned, see if you can find them. (hint: see vs: 6, 11, 18 & 19)
5. Do you resonant with the ideas of “rejoicing” and “great joy” in worship in 30:25 and 26? How might you be able to cultivate a heart that longs to worship?

Children’s Question

How can you grow in your love for worshipping God?

How can you worship God on the other days of the week?

*TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door

Indeed I’ve nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak

From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile

Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state

Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust

But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me

To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past

With all the saints I’ll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

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.

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

*WE WILL FEAST

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long, oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studio nonprofit architecture firm, John & Sam Hudson

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Our missionary family serving with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Central Asia.

VESPERS: Join us Sunday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. .

SERVING: April Deacon- Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!

The following ministries are not meeting in person until further notice:

Children's Church, Nursery, Fellowship, Sunday School, Turning Point.

The Refuge continues to meet online.

Faith Covenant Church - 611 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901 - 406-752-2400 - www.faithcov.com

Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

11 am & 6:30 pm