

FAITH   
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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*March 21, 2021*

*“Though we speak in this way,  
yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things  
—things that belong to salvation.”*

*Hebrews 6:9*

## 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.**

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*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)*

**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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**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:** *Ephesians 5:3-6*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

**HAVE MERCY**

Have mercy on me  
Have mercy on me  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

Lord help my unbelief  
Lord help my unbelief  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Psalms 25:8-10*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**\*CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

*(Chorus)*

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,  
the rock of Christ?

*(Chorus)*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

*(Chorus 2x)*

**OFFERTORY:** *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com))  
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)*

**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: Hebrews — Finish the Race*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*A Real Danger & A Real Hope — Hebrews 5:11-6:12 (ESV)*

<sup>11</sup> About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food ...

6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God ... And this we will do if God permits.

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt ... <sup>9</sup> Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

**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. Time to Grow up
  
- II. Danger Ahead
  
- III. Confidence in You

**Sermon Questions**

1. Spiritual maturity is not about intellect, but about doing what we know to be true. We are called on to grow up or be in danger of falling away. What areas of your life do you struggle in the doing?
2. Part of maturity is being willing (and able) to hear a rebuke. What kind of self-evaluation would you give yourself regarding this?

*continued above*

3. Consider: "My assurance of salvation is not something I can carry with me as a railway ticket or bank note, to be used , as occasion calls .... My assurance of salvation is alone to be found in the living fellowship with the living Jesus in love and obedience." —Andrew Murray
4. What is apostasy and who is in danger of it?
5. Why is the author confident in their faith? How does this encourage us?

### Children's Question

*To keep from abandoning our faith, we must stay close to Jesus.  
How does the love of Jesus draw you close to him?*

#### \*BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642

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.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

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.*

#### **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.

## 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 first time)*

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

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### \*BENEDICTION

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Trinity Church PCA, Bozeman

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jim & Jill Hadlock, Orlando, Cru Jesus Film Project

**PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Kids ages 4 to 6th grade are invited to sing on Mar. 28 at 9:30 (masked) or 11 a.m. Sign up by TODAY at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com) or call 752-2400.

**EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED** in memory of your loved ones. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Cost is \$10. Order in the foyer by Sunday, March 28.

**GOOD FRIDAY** services will be Friday, April 2, at 6 p.m. (masks required) and 8 p.m.

Easter services will be 8, 9:30 (masks required) and 11 a.m. **There will be no Sunday School on March 28 & April 4.**

**SERVING:** March Deacon – Bruce Tulloch

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

Children's Church: 11 Julie Thompson

Nursery: 11 Dawn Tinkham

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Gloria Johnson

### Next Sunday, March 28th

Children's Church: 11 Julie Thompson

Nursery: 11 Falk & Davis

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Jessica Brown

### WEEKLY/MONTHLY

#### **Sunday Worship Services**

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Streaming 11 am

#### **Vespers**

2nd Sunday of the month

6:30 p.m.

#### **Wednesday Youth Group**

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9

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