

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 1, 2022

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:6

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17

Leader: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

*COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our sins As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen (Repeat All)

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen, amen

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.

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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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Psalm 7:11-12

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

All: We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor. We have not lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a great desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Psalm 7:9-10

Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous- you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

*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.

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.

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 8:15 & 11 a.m. services (downstairs Corner Classroom)

EVEN SO COME

All of creation all of the earth Make straight a highway a path for the Lord Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame Jesus is coming soon

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EVEN SO COME, continued

(Chorus)

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new Your name forever faithful and true Jesus is coming soon (Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)
So we wait, we wait for you
God we wait; you're coming soon
(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: I Corinthians — Living in the Mess Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. Divorce and Remarriage — I Corinthians 7:8-16 (ESV)

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Sermon Outline

I. A history of divorce — Roman and Jewish backgrounds

II. Paul's pastoral response to broken relationships

Sermon Questions

- 1. What is Paul's reason for advocating singleness? Why do you think so few advocate for this?
- 2. Paul is not saying an unbelieving spouse is regenerated by being married to a believer, but that they are made holy. What does he mean by this here?
- 3. What makes each broken marriage case so difficult in trying to apply biblical wisdom to it? How do we proceed when we disagree?
- 4. Paul rules out "missionary dating." How might you respond to a Christian who is dating an unbeliever?
- 5. What hope does the good news of Jesus bring to our broken relationships? How does this also address those that might not be fixed in this life?

Children's Question

Our sin can hurt our relationship with others. Sometimes it takes a lot of work to fix them and sometimes they don't get fixed. How does Jesus help us with either of these?

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.

*ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER - Hymn #562

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live

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.

(Chorus)
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus take me now (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly Thine Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessings fall on me *(Chorus)*

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

8:15 Elder Matt Riley — 11 Pastor

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died
(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me (Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

*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: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown Elders: Tim Anderson, 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 MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Samaritan House, Kalispell

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studios—John & Sam Hudson, Garrett & Sarah Morrison

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.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

BABY GIFT BASKET: Women's Ministries is initiating a new tradition and gathering a gift basket to celebrate the arrival of Paul & Alyssa Hobus' baby boy, Liam. If you would like to contribute, bring gifts to the church office by Sunday, May 8.

LADIES' TEA ~ CRAZY HATS & CREATIVE HANDIWORK will be Sunday, May 15, following the second service. Find your favorite hat & bring your best tea cup and join us in the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship. Sign up in the foyer.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 15.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday—Thursday, May 16-19, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

SERVING: May Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Nicole Hill/Terry Falk

Nursery: Fishers

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday May 8th

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Terry Falk

Nursery: Woods & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeannie Haugestuen Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Elder/Deacon Meeting 3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays / pin

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:45, 4:30 Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm