

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 26, 2023

“At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out. They kept the charge of the LORD...”

Numbers 9:23

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:34-36*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver
us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to
your holy name, and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting
to everlasting!

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from
everlasting to everlasting!

**Indicates*

when to stand.

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*THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation *(Bridge 2x)*
The Lord is our salvation *(2x)*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**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.

***THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever, and He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart ; Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me
(Chorus)

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me
(Chorus)

*Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust; from freedom in holiness to slavery in sin; from compassion to indifference; from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

***JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS! - Hymn #498, vs 1-3&5**

Jesus what a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins
(Chorus)

Jesus what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul
(Chorus)

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine
(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.)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan the Son has rescued me
Oh, what a Gospel oh what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling all else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet; He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring; no more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found the empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down; He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes; my life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on; to lead us safely home

*And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life; I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Sermon Series: Numbers: A Pilgrim People

Pastor John Sackett

Follow Me: Numbers 9:15-10:10

Numbers 9:15-18

¹⁵On the day that the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was over the tabernacle like the appearance of fire until morning. ¹⁶So it was always: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. ¹⁸At the command of the Lord the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the Lord they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.

Numbers 10:8-10

⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. The trumpets shall be to you for a perpetual statute throughout your generations. ⁹And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰On the day of your gladness also, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They shall be a reminder of you before your God: I am the Lord your God.”

Sermon Outline

Because our good God is sovereign, we must follow His leading into action.

I. The God who leads us

II. The God who calls us to action

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.

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. God regularly associates, or represents, Himself with a cloud. Why is this an effective picture of God?
2. Gordon Wenham notes, “The cloud hovering over the tabernacle was the perfect means of divine guidance: the people had to respond with perfect obedience.” What keeps us from obedience? How can we work against that which distracts us from obedience?
3. The cloud also functioned to show God’s presence. How can we experience God’s presence in our lives today? Is it important to be able to experience God’s presence?
4. OT Scholar Timothy Ashley summarizes the trumpets’ roll as to summon God’s people to action. Who calls you—or *how* are you called—into action?
5. In John 10, Jesus reminds us that His sheep know His voice and follow Him. What voices are we training ourselves to listen to? How can we labor to “know” Jesus’ voice?

Children’s Question

Do you ever close your eyes as you listen to people talking and try to figure out whose voice is whose? Can you recognize your mom’s and dad’s voices?

Jesus says, “My sheep know my voice.”

How can you learn to recognize His voice?

***YOUR WILL BE DONE**

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done the name above all other names.*

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

8:15 Elder Matt Riley— 11 Elder Jason Davis

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94, vs 1-3, 6

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

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Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: All-Souls PCA church in Missoula

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, currently in the US pursuing further education

CENTRAL KALISPELL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: If you're part of the Neumann/Hanson shepherding group, meet in the fellowship hall after the 2nd service TODAY for a potluck lunch and fellowship time.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: There is another batch of directories available in the foyer, and more will be available in the coming weeks. If you notice an error with your information, please contact the church office (office@faithcov.com) so we can fix it.

PRAYER CHAIN/FRIDAY eNEWSLETTER: To be added to the church email prayer chain or Friday eNews, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: February Deacon - Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Petersens/Z&M Falk

Nursery: Streits & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Kamela Anderson & Patti Albert

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Dawn McGarvey/A. Tinkham

Next Sunday March 5

Ushers: Peters/M&J Thompson

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Tim Anderson

Nursery: Kristin & Normandie Melli

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner/Jessica Brown

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm