

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 5, 2023

Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?”

Numbers 11:11

**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: *Psalm 9:9-11

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

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!

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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 us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.

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

Amen.

**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 PRAISE TO HIM**

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

*To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

***LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL**

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

*The first Sunday
of every month is
the Diaconal
Offering. Please
use the Special
Offering
envelopes located
in the pew racks.*

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)*

ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

Sermon Series: Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Grumbings: Numbers 11-12

Chapter 11: ¹And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. ²Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down. ³So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them. ⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Chapter 12: ¹Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ²And they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard it.

I. “Lord, you are not doing a very good job!”

II. “Who will transform our grumbling hearts?”

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. In Numbers 11:11-15, Moses refers to himself about 20 times. Consider: “Grumbling is always an indication that a person has become preoccupied with himself or herself.”—R. Rayburn. Have you seen this in yourself? What moves our eyes to a different horizon?
2. What does the text tell us about the nature of the manna (Numbers 11:7-9, Exodus 16:31-33)? What made people see it so differently? Have you seen this in your life too?
3. At the heart of grumbling and complaining is unbelief. How does faith in the Lord move us forward through difficult moments?
4. The Spirit of the Lord came upon the other elders temporarily. How does this point us forward to Joel 3:1-2? In what way does this moment in Israel’s history point us ahead to the coming of Jesus?
5. What is the role of humility and gratitude in the life of a believer? How do we cultivate these virtues?

Children’s Question

*When we want to grumble and complain, the Holy Spirit calls us to be thankful instead.
How does Jesus help us to fight against our complaining hearts?*

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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

**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.
(see FCC observance below)*

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Tom Jentz— 11 Elder Trent Neumann

*WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

(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

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: Cornerstone Community Church, Pastor Luke Knoll

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jim & Jill Hadlock, serving with CRU on the The Jesus Film Project

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, March 9, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (406-471-0656).

VESPERS: Join us next Sunday, March 12, at 6:30pm to unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

NORTH KALISPELL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Our next shepherding group potluck will be happening March 19 in the fellowship hall after the 2nd service for those in the North Kalispell group (led by Elder Tom Jentz and Deacon Mike Stahlberg). If you're in that group, mark your calendars about the upcoming luncheon.

PRAYER CHAIN: To be added to the church email prayer chain, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: March Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Peters/M&J Thompson
Children's Church: Russells/Tim Anderson
Nursery: Kristin & Normandie Melli
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner/Rachel McManus

Next Sunday March 12

Ushers: Peters/M&J Thompson
Children's Church: Russells/Tim Anderson
Nursery: Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham
Fellowship Hosts: Kim von Olhausen & Laura Moody
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J&D McGarvey/Niam Moody

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