

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 16, 2023

“But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel
grumbled against Moses and against Aaron...”

Numbers 16:41

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 147, Revelation 4*

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: **Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: **Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**

**Indicates
when to stand.
All Music Copied
Under CCLI
License #34680*

***O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING** - *Hymn #660*

O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever
flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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 MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well

On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living or in dying all must be well

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)*

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Sermon Series—Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor John Sackett
Only a Holy God: Numbers 16 & 17

Ch. 16: Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men. ²And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men. ³They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?” ⁴When Moses heard it, he fell on his face, ⁵and he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning the LORD will show who is his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him. ⁶Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company; ⁷put fire in them and put incense on them before the LORD tomorrow, and the man whom the LORD chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!”... ¹⁹Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.

Ch. 17: ¹² And the people of Israel said to Moses, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. ¹³ Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, shall die. Are we all to perish?”

Because God is holy, we can only approach Him through His appointed Mediator.

I. Man’s Complaint

II. Moses’ Response

III. God's Judgment

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. Korah's complaint is partially rooted in a covenant theology (God's promise that He will be our God and we will be His people). How does Korah distort this beautiful truth?
2. What are the complaints of the congregation and its leaders?
3. How are these three rebellious challenges similar in terms of their charges and resolution? What are our usual complaints against God or His providence?
4. As these episodes are told, what is it that saves the people from destruction? How else should this truth impact our worship practices? Ought this truth impact our daily decision making?
5. OT scholar Gordon Wenham remarks, "as in the spy narrative, dramatic irony and retributive justice characterize the narrative". Where do we see this irony, and how does this inform our understanding of ourselves and God?
6. Where in these stories do we see God's grace and provision?

Children's Question

Have you ever gotten really mad about something? When you are really mad, are you aware that you are probably not thinking rightly anymore? How can thinking about God's Holiness help you when you feel angry?

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

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)*

**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.

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 Pastor— 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

*REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!

(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

Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,
Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Samaritan House, Kalispell

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: D & N in Central Asia

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Tim Anderson's West Valley group will meet in the fellowship hall for a potluck TODAY after the 2nd service.

CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH COVENANT?: You are invited to a "Start Here" luncheon hosted by Pastor Ben Melli on April 23rd after the 2nd service. If you're new to the church and/or desire to become a member of Faith Covenant, bring your questions and your appetite for a time of fellowship. Signup sheet in the foyer. Contact Ben with any questions (406-885-4916 or ben@faithcov.com).

LADIES' SPRING TEA: will be Sunday, May 7, after the 2nd service. Please bring your favorite cup & saucer and a new or used book for the book exchange. Signup sheet in the foyer.

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicants' Class, please sign up in the foyer. The class will meet Mon.-Thurs., May 15-18, from 3:45-4:30pm at the church. Contact the office with questions (office@faithcov.com or 752-2400).

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JUNE 19-22: If you're interested in volunteering for this year's VBS program, please meet in the church library next Sunday, April 23, at 9:30am for more information.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Starting in June, women will be studying *Breathe: The Life-Giving Oxygen of the Lord's Prayer* by Karen Hodge. They will meet at the church at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays starting June 13. Sign up in the foyer if you're interested.

SERVING: April Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jenks & Streeter / Bonners

Children's Church: Jentz / Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Dawn Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Janis Orndorff & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday April 23

Ushers: Jenks & Streeter / Bonners

Children's Church: Ann Ingram / Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Traci Carroll

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner / Arline Tinkham

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