

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 18, 2024

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus....”

Romans 3:23-24

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: *1 Chronicles 16:28-33

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

All: Give to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

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***COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING - Hymn #101**

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 7:1-3*

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful (3x)
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us (3x)
Mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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.

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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)*

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—Romans: Coming Under Grace

Pastor John Sackett

God's Righteousness Displayed: Romans 3:21-31

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

God's Righteousness Displayed...

I. ...demands our punishment

II. ...magnifies His gracious salvation

III. ...eliminates our boasting

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. What is one significant way in which the Old Testament is to be understood? How can this perspective improve our devotional reading of Scripture?
2. Douglas Moo notes, “rarely does the Bible bring together in so few verses so many important theological ideas.” What are some of those themes presented here?
3. How is God shown to be both “just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus Christ”?
4. In what way does Paul’s preaching uphold the Law (verse 31)?
5. Why is all boasting eliminated? Is that true of you?
6. How would you summarize the central theme of this passage?

Children’s Question

Have you ever bragged about a gift or present you received? Why do we allow ourselves to boast, instead of giving thanks and praise to the giver of the gift? How can these thoughts apply to God’s gift of Jesus?

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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

*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

(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

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

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Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studio, John & Sam Hudson

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Nathan & Betsy Russell, serving with YWAM

BABY BASKETS: We are still collecting gifts to fill the baskets being put together for the newest children who have joined our church family (the Rieke's baby girl, the Walker's baby boy, & the Petersen's newly adopted toddler boy). Please drop off your gift(s) at the church office during the week or leave them in one of the labeled tubs in the foyer.

YOUTH GROUP: the next youth group will be Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 6-7:30pm.

FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP: We are resurrecting our mix-and-match fellowship program where you are randomly grouped with 7-9 other adults from the church 3 times over the course of 3 months for an opportunity to share a meal and build relationships within the Faith Covenant family. More info and signups in the foyer.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday eNewsletter, please contact the office at office@faithcov.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Faith Covenant Campout at Tally Lake, August 8-12, 2024.

SERVING: February Deacon - Mike Thompson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan / Lancasters

Children's Church: Danielsons / Zach Falk & Brogan Lancaster

Nursery: Davises

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Lynnette Matthew

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Niam Moody

Next Sunday February 25

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan / Lancasters

Children's Church: Hanni Hanson / Zach Falk & Brogan Lancaster

Nursery: Dawn Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Traci Carroll & Patti Albert

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Jenn Eck / Chris Scrima

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Career Group 7 pm