

There's a day that's drawing near  
when this darkness breaks to light,  
and the shadows disappear,  
and my faith shall be my eyes.

*Jesus has overcome,  
and the grave is overwhelmed; the victory is won,  
he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings;  
before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.*

*(Bridge)*  
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
*(Repeat bridge)*  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

*And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings;  
before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise, I will rise.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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*"Serving One Another in Love"*  
*Galatians 5:13*

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**LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE**

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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*"In him we also have been chosen as God's portion, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will." Ephesians 1:11*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17*  
Leader: Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

**All: 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.**

Leader: For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

**All: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.**

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!**  
– Hymn #296; vs. 1,3,5,6

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BEAUTIFUL ONE** – words included

Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen no ear has heard, no heart could fully know  
how glorious, how beautiful you are.

*(Chorus)*

*Beautiful one I love, beautiful one I adore.*

*Beautiful one, my soul must sing!*

Powerful, so powerful your glory fills the skies,  
your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
how marvelous, how wonderful you are.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

You opened my eyes to your wonders anew;  
you captured my heart with this love,  
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Beautiful one, my soul must sing!*

**\*YOUR LOVE, OH LORD** – words included

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.

I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.

*(Repeat all)*

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Isaiah 12:2*

**All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

## **His Renewal and Our Hope**

**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.

**\*GLORY BE/ANGUS DEI** – words included

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;

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have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),  
have mercy on us.

*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Glory be to the Father, Amen.*

*Glory be to the Son, Amen.*

*Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.*

*(Last time only: Amen, Amen.)*

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;

Son of God, capture me and make me your own;

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),  
have mercy on us.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**PRAYER, 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 are excused for Children's Church  
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

**\*DOXOLOGY** – Hymn #733

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

**Sermon Series: Ephesians 1 - What Makes You Spiritual**

**Sermon Title: *Guaranteed***

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:11-14**

**\*MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE**

– Hymn #468

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

– Elder Steve Thompson

**\*I WILL RISE** – words included

There's a peace I've come to know,  
though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul,  
I can say, "It is well."

*Jesus has overcome,  
and the grave is overwhelmed; the victory is won,  
he is risen from the dead.*

*And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.*

*I will rise on eagle's wings;  
before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.*

*(song continued on next page)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:**

Grace Church (OPC), Mount Vernon, WA, Pastor David Klein.

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:**

Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their 3 children serve with World Venture in Madagascar. Pray that the ministry in Madagascar would continue well in their absence (they will be in the United States until September).

**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.

**FAITH COVENANT LADIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED**

to the Annual Spring Tea **TODAY**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year join us for an international adventure about teatime traditions from foreign lands and inspiration for your hospitality here at home. **Please come even if you were not able to sign up!**



**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 13**, will be our last week of Sunday School until September.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (grade school – post-college) please fill out the card in your bulletin and put it in the offering or leave it in the office. Graduation Sunday is **May 20** during the Fellowship/Coffee hour where we will honor our graduates.

**MARCH & APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS** for Clarisse and Andy added up to \$207.92 even though we didn't have SS two of those weeks! Our goal of \$100 per month was more than met! We are committed to \$100/month for the entire year. The amounts over \$100 are in reserve for the summer months when there is no SS but we do not have enough to fully cover those months. Thus there will be an offering container on the window sill in the foyer where children can put their offerings until SS begins again in the fall or it can be put in the regular offering bag labeled 'SS offering'. Thank you to our SS classes for your support for these young children! You are making a difference! To God be the Glory!

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, May 10** at **Central Christian Church** (across the alley from the county library). If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

**A BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN: October 15-25, 2012.**

An experience of a lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mount Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Darold Reiner, Pastor of The Church at Creston, is hosting this tour. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a full brochure.

**FLATHEAD FOOD BANK'S** Second Helpings Thrift Store is now open next to the Food Bank. **ITEMS OF THE MONTH:** Furniture & appliances. They accept donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **FOODS OF THE MONTH:** Ramen noodles, jelly & rice may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen.

*For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.*

**MAY MINISTRIES**

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Buford Bennett  
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin  
 NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.*

**TODAY**

USHERS/GREETERS..... Chad Heath & Bruce Tulloch  
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) .....Hunnicutts  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Buford Bennetts  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Hanni Hanson & Sharon Salyer  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Gary & Barb Fenner  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Diane Nugent

**NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 13**

USHERS/GREETERS..... Chad Heath & Bruce Tulloch  
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Leah & Breanna Wiersma  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Hills  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Rileys  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeri Brown & Aimee Uzzi  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Carolyn Duncan  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Theresa Paolini

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 3:00 p.m. – Spring Tea in the Fellowship Hall

**THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' – Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m. – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett's, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell
- Thursday – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. – Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May) – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
- Sundays – Diaconal Offering
- 1st Sundays – Elder home visits
- 1st Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 3rd Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Last Sunday of month

- Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day – Last Sunday School until September
- Tuesday, May 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20 – Graduation Sunday
- Tuesday, May 22 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
- Sunday, May 27 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 5 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 12 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 14 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
- Sunday, June 17 – Father's Day
- Tuesday, June 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## SERMON OUTLINE

May 6, 2012

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Sermon Series: Ephesians 1 - What Makes You Spiritual

Sermon Title: *Guaranteed*

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:11-14

## SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 1:11-14 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> In him we also have been chosen as God's portion, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the initial installment of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

## *Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

### I. A planned inheritance

### II. Signed, sealed and delivered

1. There are a couple of different ways to translate v-11. Either we are made to be God's inheritance or it refers to our having been given an inheritance. Why is it best to understand this to mean we are God's inheritance? Cf. Deut 32:9; Ps 33:12; Deut 4:20; Dt 9:20; 1 Kgs 8:51; Ps 106:40; Ps 135:4; Jer 10:16; Zech 2:12
2. In v-12, who is the "we" referring to?
3. According to v-13-14, how and why did we become God's people?
4. How does the doctrine of election fuel our passion for evangelism?
5. To seal something means to authenticate it; to certify it as genuine; to secure it, and to identify ownership. What implications does this have for believers who are sealed with the Holy Spirit?
6. The Holy Spirit is fully given to all who are in Christ. There is no message here of two classes of Christians--those with the Spirit and those without the Spirit. How does this help us respond to those who might want us to seek 'the baptism of the Holy Spirit'?
7. What is significant of "to the praise of his glory" being mentioned 3 times in vs 1-14?
8. What makes us 'spiritual' before the Lord? How is this guaranteed?