

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

June 19, 2016

*"There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours."*

Psalm 86:8

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Luke 1:46-47, Lam. 5:19*

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All: You, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations.

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

All: You, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations. Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

***THY MERCY, MY GOD**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son.

*All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Indicates when to stand.*

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

***OLD HYMNS/NEW HEARTS**

When I was lost my guilty heart was leading me astray
I put my trust in idols that shall falter and decay.
While in the depths of my despair the sinless Savior died
And bore the wrath for all my sin as He was crucified.

O what a gift so freely given and grace so undeserved,
That Jesus came from Heaven to earth to serve and not be served.
For all the wrong that I have done my Lord has paid the price
And reconciled me to His throne by Jesus' sacrifice.

The power of our glorious God the grave could not contain,
Death is defeated, once for all, because He rose again!
Jesus you and you alone sustain me and suffice,
Alleluia! I'm forgiven and made alive with Christ.

*Alleluia! He has loved us so abundantly,
Brought from death to life because my God has ransomed me! (x2)*

***WEARY OF EARTH, MYSELF AND SIN**

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free,
And to Your glory take me in, for there I long to be.

(Chorus)

*Let a poor laborer here below, when from his toil set free;
To rest and peace eternal go; for there I long to be.*

Burdened, dejected and oppressed, ah! Where shall I flee,
But to Your arms for peace and rest? For there I long to be.

(Chorus)

Empty, polluted, dark and vain, is all this world to me;
May I the better world obtain; for there I long to be.

(Chorus 2x)

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free.

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

**God
Cleanses Us**

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 32: 3-5*

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask of you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

(Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: **Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

***TIS' SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(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!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS: *Lorrie Gomez*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,

bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath

Quakes as its maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;

"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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.)

Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The God-Centeredness of God - Psalm 86:8-12 (ESV)

Psalm 8:1

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 27:4-5

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 29:2

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 42:1

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

Psalm 70:4

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Psalm 86:8-12

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

Psalm 100:2

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

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Sermon Outline

I. The Greatness of God -What is true

II. The War of Worship -Why we struggle to believe it

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. To say that the Bible is God-centered seems to be so over obvious until we look at how we often live our lives. In what way can the reality of what we confess and how we live come together? What would that look like for you?
2. Consider: “Have you come to realize how the God-centeredness of God is good news for you? For one thing, it means that your unworthiness is irrelevant to God’s readiness to save you. He is not responding to what you deserve; He is proving what a good Savior he is.” —Ray Ortlund, Commentary on Isaiah
3. Why is it that the Lord can tell us he is our highest and greatest good and that not be narcissistic? Why is this true only of our Triune God?
4. Consider: “Stop praying, “Lord, I want you to make my life better.” Stop praying, “Lord, I want you to make my husband or wife better. I want my children to behave. I want an ideal job.” When you pray that way, you can only end up frustrated, because God will not subordinate himself to any human agenda. Start praying, “Lord, I just want you to be God to me. I want my life, with my problems, to show the world that you save sinners.”” —Ray Ortlund
5. As Christians, we can confess that the Lord is to be the center of our lives, but why is this so hard to live out? Why does ‘how’ we worship matter in getting this right?
6. In what way does the gospel enable you to join with the psalmist and declare: “God is great!”

**God
Consecrates Us**
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

God Communes with Us

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

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)

*BENEDICTION

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut, Terry Falk, Bill Gamble (*emeritus*),

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Pastor Michael Flannery

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Tim & Emily Herset, Young Life area directors, as they introduce Flathead teens to Jesus.

- VBS - THE CASE OF THE HIDDEN HERO! -

Time to register for a whole new VBS program and join the Scottish Sleuths to solve **The Case of the Hidden Hero** ... the amazing story of God's providential protection of His people! For children ages 3 to starting fifth grade **June 20-24** at 6-8 p.m. Register online at faithcov.com or fill out a card in the foyer or contact the church office (752-2400).

FATHER'S DAY POTLUCK: Join us for potluck lunch TODAY after second service.

Pulled pork and chicken provided. Please bring a salad (last names A- M) or a pie (last names N- Z) to share. Help with setup and cleanup appreciated!

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY: Will not meet **June 22** due to VBS but will resume June 29 at 6:30 p.m. (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell) for college-age/young adults. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

JULY MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with Garrett and Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studios Sunday, July 3, after church.

HOPE PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLES - Please return your baby bottles in the church foyer ASAP to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries during their Baby Bottle Fundraiser!

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their worship services **TODAY, June 19**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Four-square church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: June Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Rick & Audrey Goodell

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Lancaster

Toddler Nursery: Rowe & Hernandez/Uzzis

Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - June 26th

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: Rileys/Carlsons

Toddler Nursery: Turners/Dyes

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Dianne Nugent

Summer Worship Services

Sundays 9 & 11 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

College Summer Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon