

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*July 24, 2016*

*"The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;  
the heart of the wicked is of little worth."*

*Proverbs 10:20*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### \*AMAZING GRACE! - *Hymn #460 vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

**\*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 2x)*

**\*TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door  
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak  
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile  
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state  
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust  
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me  
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past  
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

**All:** Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience. We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior Jesus. 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.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

**\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON OF FAITH:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**\*I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED**

When I am lost, when I am all alone,  
burdened by my sin and shame, there's one place I can go.  
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,  
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

*(Chorus)*

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.  
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.  
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.  
I have been redeemed.*

*(Repeat all; chorus twice)*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:** *Magdalena Falk*

## 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)*

### **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.)

### 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)*

*Summer Psalms and Proverbs: Who Am I Becoming?*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*How to Speak Well: What Kind of Person Does My Speech Reveal?*

Proverbs 10:20 (ESV)

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the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,  
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 12:17-18

Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,  
but a false witness utters deceit.

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 15:1-2

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.  
The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,  
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

Proverbs 15:23

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,  
and a word in season, how good it is!

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

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## Sermon Outline

I. Character forming speech

II. Christ forming character

## Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. My speech is an index of my character. Does that statement make you uncomfortable as you consider your speech? Why?
2. What are some specific ways you can speak with someone this week to build them up? It is essential that we keep in mind that this is about us personally and not the person who instantly comes to mind who has failed in talking to us.
3. What are we to do when our speech and our beliefs are not in harmony?
4. What are some characteristics of Christ-centered speaking?
5. Consider: “If character growth comes from doing the right things in the right way, then guarding our speech is a major step in the guarding our hearts.” —OT scholar Jack Collins.
6. How has the Lord spoken to you through His Son? In what way does that enable you to reflect Jesus in your speech?

**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.

## \*BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

### 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.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

**\*MAJESTY**

Here I am humbled by your majesty,  
covered by your grace so free.  
Here I am knowing I'm a sinful man,  
covered by the blood of the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
since you laid down your life, the greatest sacrifice.  
Majesty, majesty your grace has found me just as I am,  
empty-handed but alive in your hands.*

Here I am humbled by the love that you give;  
forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand knowing that I'm your desire,  
sanctified by glory and fire.

*(Chorus)*

*Majesty, majesty; forever I am changed by your love  
in the presence of your majesty.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**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.

*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,

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Please pray for Garrett & Sarah Morrison, 100 Fold Studio, architecture ministry of YWAM.

**COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY:** College-age/young adults are invited to the Andersons' on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell). Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the ushering, sound, coffee hour, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation! Contact the office (752-2400) to find out more!

**ENEWLETTER:** If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday enewsletter, contact the office at office@faithcov.com.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30:**

Targeted Budget = \$182,886.50; Offerings received = \$175,251.46

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCH PROVIDER:** Support Habitat for Humanity by providing lunch for volunteers this summer and fall. Groups average 15 people on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays at 185 Short Pine Drive off Three Mile Drive. Bring lunch just once or once a week! Sign up in the church foyer and they will contact you about scheduling a date.

**SALVATION ARMY SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** The Salvation Army provides hundreds of backpacks full of school supplies to children in the valley every year ... and they need your help to fill those packs! They collect markers, crayons, pencils, notebooks, etc. all summer to distribute Aug. 22. To contribute, bring supplies to 110 Bountiful Dr.

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**SERVING:** July Deacon - Buford Bennett

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

### **Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Chany Ockert & Kelly Brown

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Infant Nursery: Petersens/Neumans

Toddler Nursery: Jentzs/Buckners

Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Rowe & Sharon Thompson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Jeanie Brenneman

### **Next Sunday - July 31st**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Chany Ockert & Kelly Brown

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Infant Nursery: Motleys/Tinkhams

Toddler Nursery: Streichs/Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Sue Richardson & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Theresa Paolini

### **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