

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 10, 2016

*"The beginning of wisdom is this:
Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight."
Proverbs 4:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-3**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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

**Indicates when to stand.*

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***OH WHY SO HEAVY, OH MY SOUL?**

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

(Chorus)

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

(Chorus 2x)

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?

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 peo-
ple. It is a great
privilege of the
gospel that we
can stand for-
given before the
Lord of glory.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Judges 2:7, 10-11*

And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.

All: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit, keep me from forgetting all your mighty works in my life, increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, and not do evil in your sight; and that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Samuel 2:7-9*

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
There is no Children's Church this Sunday, July 10, during the second service.*

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.)

GLORY BE (AGNUS DEI)

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

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

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.

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)

Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
What Kind of Person Am I Becoming? - Proverbs 4:7-9

Proverbs 2:1-2 (ESV)

¹ My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

Proverbs 4:7-9

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.
⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.
⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

Proverbs 9:8-9 8

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 10:9

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

Proverbs 13:20

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 17:10

A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

Proverbs 22:1

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

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Sermon Outline

I. Whose am I?—Given a gift of grace

A. Whose camp are you in?

B. Why does it matter?

II. How do I Change?—Cultivating Christian Character

A. Being well taught

B. Being lovingly corrected

C. Being diligently intentional

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Why is calling wisdom a skill in “the art” of godly living a better choice of words? How does this help us bring together the intellectual and the practical?
2. In what way do habits form our character? What new habits do you want to develop?
3. Proverbs are given to us in the context of a believing, covenant community. Why does this matter?
4. How do we keep building our character from becoming moralism?
5. How do we keep from using grace as an excuse for little change?
6. Consider: “Every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before...In other words, not only does character cause conduct, but conduct in turn shapes character!” — Jack Collins
7. Why does the Bible not call us to be ‘authentic’? What does it mean for us to develop a godly integrity and sincerity?

**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.

*BEAUTIFUL LORD

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.*

It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus 2x)

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.

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.

***BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

(Chorus)

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

(Chorus)

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

(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: The Gideons

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

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH JULY 10: There will be no Children's Church during the second service on July 10.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our next once-a-month book club Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "A Severe Mercy" by Sheldon Vanauken. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT: Ready for a campout under the stars with your church family? Plan on joining us August 26-27 at Tally Lake! We've reserved the group campsite for Friday and Saturday nights. Come for both nights or just Saturday. There is big covered pavilion and lots of camp sites - you provide your own meals and camping gear and water toys! Contact the office for details.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30:

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

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Faith Covenant provides a free dinner to our community once a month ... and it's coming soon! On Thursday, July 14, at Central Christian Church, we need four lasagnas (store bought or homemade), watermelon and dessert for 30-50 people at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370) if you can help and what you would like to bring.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, July 17**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: July Deacon - Buford Bennett

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: NOT MEETING JULY 10

Infant Nursery: Stahlbergs/S. Thompson

Toddler Nursery: J. Thompson/Embryes

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

Next Sunday - July 17th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Infant Nursery: Hills/Putzlers

Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Alberts

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Tami Jentz

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

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