

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 18, 2016

*Moses said to the people,
"Do not fear, for God has come to test you,
that the fear of him may be before you,
that you may not sin."
Exodus 20:20*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

song continued above

**Call to
Worship**
Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

**Indicates when to stand.*

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***BE STILL MY SOUL** - *Hymn #689, vs. 1, 2, 4*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we ask, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. We need your righteousness, for all our works are dead apart from you. Grant that we may, in humility and meekness, seek you and draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look to Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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.

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 Corner Classroom)

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.)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

The Peaks of God's Promises - Kalispell Community Sermon Series
Guest Pastor Steve Snipstead, Faith Church
On the Mountains of Israel - Mount Sinai

Exodus 20:18-21 (NIV)

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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Sermon Outline

I. God Tests Us

II. God Doesn't Change

III. God Changes Us

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. How did the people react to the thunder/lightning? Why were they afraid to hear God speak to them? What similarities can you see hear and with Adam/Eve in the garden?
2. What does Moses say is the purpose for God coming to them in this way? How can we increase our fear of God so that we will not sin?
3. What were the criteria for building an alter and offering sacrifices?
4. What can we learn from the Israelite's in the wilderness according to Hebrews 12:25? In Hebrews 12, what does the "second shaking" refer to? What are the things which cannot be shaken (vs27-28)?
5. Why is the covenant that Jesus offers better than the one offered on Mount Sinai?
6. What acceptable service can you offer to God? What attitude should we have towards Him?
7. Why is God described as He is (Hebrews 12:29)? How should this influence our Christian life? What reason do you have to fear God but not be afraid of Him?

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.

***SHE MUST AND SHALL GO FREE**

Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood; hear and sing, ye sons of God,
justice satisfied indeed; Christ has full atonement made;
Christ has full atonement made.

(Chorus)

*“All her debts were cast on me,
and she must and shall go free.” (2x)*

Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet; here all Deity can meet,
and without a jarring voice, welcome Zion to rejoice;
welcome Zion to rejoice.

(Chorus)

Peace of conscience, peace with God; we obtain through Jesus' blood.
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest, we believe and we are blessed;
we believe and we are blessed.

(Chorus)

Should the law against her roar; Jesus' blood still speaks with power,
“all her debts were cast on me, and she must and shall go free.”

(Chorus)

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*BENEDICTION

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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 (*emeritus*), Terry Falk,

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: Great Plains Gathering, PCA Native American church plant, Billings, Pastor Josh Charette

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Kevin Johnson with United World Mission at the Biblical Seminary of Columbia in Medellín.

YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN SEPT. 21: The junior high group (6-8 grades) will meet at the church and the high school group will meet at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluegrass Dr.).

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE VISITS: Pastor Taylor Clark, Mich., and Pastor Don Krafft, Utah, will be visiting Faith Covenant in September for consideration for our associate pastor position. Clark will preach Sept. 25 and Krafft on Oct. 2.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: Ladies are invited to a bonfire Friday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at Marty Mullins' home (111 Highland Meadows Rd., Whitefish). Sign up in the foyer, grab directions and a friend, and join us for a beautiful fall evening around the fire!

MEN'S FRATERNITY YEAR 2, "Winning at Work & Home," will start Tuesday, October 11, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish, **TODAY, Sept. 18,** at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

HABITAT WORK DAY: Faith Covenant is signed up as a church to help Habitat for Humanity on a building project in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm. Teens need the waiver in the foyer signed by a parent. Sign up in the foyer or contact Jim Rowe (249-7970). Lunch is provided.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCHEON Friday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Lunch for \$10 will be served at Northridge Lutheran Church OR delivered to your business/office. Call 752-7266 to order. NIN helped over 900 families in 2015.

SERVING: September Deacon: Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Scott & Sue Richardson

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Petersens

Nursery 11 a.m.: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Kate Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday - September 25th

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Scott & Sue Richardson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Stahlbergs

Nursery 11 a.m.: Putzler/Carlson

Fellowship Hosts: Tami Jentz & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Yvonne Hernandez

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sundays 10 pm

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon