

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 23, 2016

*“I pray... that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being.”*

Ephesians 3:16

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 136:1-4; 1 Timothy 1:17*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever, Amen.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - Hymn #115**

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!

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**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!

***WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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.

***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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

All: Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I am your child and I should bear your image. Enable me to recognize my death unto sin. When it tempts me, may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. Forgive and kill these vices, have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. (Taken from: *The Valley of Vision*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:32, 3:16*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls...The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

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.

*JESUS PAID IT ALL - Hymn #308

I hear the Savoir say, your strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me your all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, your power and yours alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

For nothing good have I, whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

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)

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)

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.)

Sermon Series: Ephesians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Strengthened With Power- Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Sermon Outline

I. Christ's power given by the Father

II. Christ's power received by us

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Consider: “Without love there will be no power to do what God requires. Only an overwhelming affection for him will produce an overcoming power to defeat sin. Love is power.” —Bryan Chapell. What is the nature of this power?
2. Why is our confidence in the Father’s love for us and not in our own love for him? What is the nature of this gospel humility?
3. To be empowered by the Spirit (v-16) means that Jesus dwells in our hearts (v-17). How does this speak of a continual dwelling?
4. Why are some people afraid that too much emphasis on God’s mercy will encourage us to freely sin? How does being united to Christ through the Spirit help provide an answer to this?
5. Our ability to fight against sin by the power of the Spirit increases as we have a continuing sense of our security in the love of God in Christ Jesus. How do vs 18-19 help with this?
6. Wonderful spiritual disciplines can get in the way of our understanding God’s love because we make them a meritorious work. Yet the lack of these spiritual disciplines also keep us from growing in our faith in Christ. How does the gospel enable us to put them to use rightly? (Read John 14:15)

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.

*YOUR LOVE, O LORD

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.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting 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

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.

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.

***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)

***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 (*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.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Church - PCA, Bozeman, Pastors Jeff Hamling & Bryan Clark

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Garrett and Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studio, YWAM, as he studies architecture at MSU-Bozeman.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Mark your calendar for a congregational meeting Sunday, Oct., 30, at 10:30 a.m. to vote on a call to Pastor Taylor Clark as associate pastor.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please fill out the form in the foyer to update your contact information. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included. To include children/family that do not live here, please use a SEPARATE form. (*You will be contacted if you need a photo taken or updated.*) Return forms in the box in the foyer or to the office.

MISSION MEAL NOV. 6: Join us for lunch with Patrick Klein from Vision Beyond Borders Sunday, Nov. 6, after the second service. November 6 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. VBB's ministry has included: Bible smuggling, serving orphanages, helping sex-trafficking victims, supporting pastors and persecuted Christians. Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. *Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 13.*

SERVING: October Deacon: Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Bennetts/Jenks

Nursery 11 a.m.: Dyes

Fellowship Hosts: Donelle Holderbaum

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday - October 30th

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys

Nursery 11 a.m.: Olmsteds

Fellowship Hosts: Terri Miller & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jeanie Brenneman

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

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Wednesdays 7 pm

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