

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 20, 2016

*“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

Ephesians 5:1-2

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 19:1,2,5*

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

All: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

***SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Let All Things Now Living - Choir*

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** - *Hymn #457*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

continued above

**Indicates when to stand.*

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** *continued*

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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.

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

(Interlude)

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 7:15, 20-23*

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

All: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and defiled. Out of our hearts come love of this world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. We thirst for your cleansing, O God. Forgive us, renew and transform us; take away our defilement through Jesus your Son— in whose name we pray. 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: *Revelation 21:6-7*

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

***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.

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.)

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)

GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
awesome creator, author of life;
Master and Savior, wholly divine;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus)

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
essence of beauty and all that is right;
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: Ephesians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Fragrance of Life in Christ - Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (ESV)

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Sermon Outline

I. Speaking that builds trust

II. Passions that promote life

III. Labor that loves

IV. Speech that imparts grace

V. Kindness that remembers

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. This section of Paul's letter is the unfolding of what he had just written about putting of the old self and putting on the new self in Jesus. How would you respond to someone that says Christianity is too passive or that it is too otherworldly?
2. When is anger not sinful? What can help us not deceive ourselves into thinking that our anger is "righteous"?
3. The sun not going down on our anger is not to be understood woodenly. What is the principle involved here?
4. Consider: "Anger and falsehood together are a double-edged evil, and work together to perturb the reason. And when the soul is continually perturbed, the Lords withdraws from it and the Devil rules it." —1st century Rabbinic writing
5. What grieves or distresses the Holy Spirit? What demonstrates the new life of the Spirit?
6. Eph 1:13 speaks of our having been sealed by the Spirit at conversion and here we see the bookend of that sealing for glory. How does this sealing by the Spirit encourage us to live differently?
7. Bitterness is a killer of harmony and life in Christ. What does Paul say here that helps us keep this in check? How can you live in such a way that promotes kindness?
8. Would you consider yourself to be a fragrance of life right now? If so, how will you maintain this? If not, how are going to get there?

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.

***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.

***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.

**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.

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

*BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, 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 2x)

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.

*BENEDICTION

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

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,

Deacons: Terry Falk, Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Fresh Life Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Levi Lusko

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Jamie and Alissa
Shattenberg, World Ventures Madagascar, working on reforestation and women's health.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER TODAY**, at
4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style, and is a
great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us.

THANKS DINNER OFFERING: An offering will be taken at the Thanks Dinner for
Neighbors in Need and for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. Neighbors in Need is a
coalition of local churches that work to aid those in need in our community. The PCA
Ministerial Relief Fund supports widows of PCA pastors and missionaries and disabled
pastors. Consider contributing to these worthy causes this holiday season.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the
holidays Saturday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier so plan on pitching in to
transform our sanctuary for the holidays!

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Ladies 5 to 95 are invited to Christmas lunch Sunday
Dec. 11, at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy lunch and assemble Christmas gift
baskets for the Refuge clients so, if you're able, bring a small gift item (or several) to
contribute. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please fill out the form in the
foyer to update your contact information. *For a new photo, please see Kristin in the nursery be-
tween services.* Return forms in the foyer or to the office.

SNOW REMOVAL: WANTED: one early rising snow removal technician for the
church sidewalks. **NEEDED:** whenever it snows! Contact the office to volunteer.

SERVING: November Deacon: Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: G. Hanson/Saldamando
Nursery 11 a.m.: Rowe/Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Kate Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Diane Nugent

Next Sunday - November 27th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Motley
Nursery 11 a.m.: Jentz/Albert
Fellowship Hosts: Tami Jentz & Glenda Quick
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Theresa Paolini

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

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

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