

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 9, 2017

*“The Serpent said, “Did God really say,
‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”
Genesis 3:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***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.

*** HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**

We stand and lift up our hands,
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship him now.
How great, how awesome is he.
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

(Repeat all)

It is rising up, all around.
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up, all around
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

The earth is filled with his glory.

*JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.
(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

*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.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE**

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

(Chorus)

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

(Chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.

(Chorus)

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.

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.

**The Apostle's
Creed**

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

***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.

***AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm 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.

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE), *continued

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

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)

THE SAVING ONE

What mercy was revealed, what selflessness and peace

My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me

His pardon for my sin, His bounty for my need

From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

(Chorus)

And heaven can't contain the glory of the Son

Jesus is the Christ, the Saving One

His love has made a way, the grave is overcome

Jesus is the Christ, the Saving One

No fear can hold me down, no darkness steal my joy

For blood has been poured out, the enemy destroyed

Death could not hold Him down, the cross was not enough

To steal away His love for He is God

(Chorus 2x)

Jesus is the Christ, the Saving One

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.)

3. How does Jesus reverse the fall?

**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.

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. In what way is Satan offering a counterfeit gospel to Adam and Eve?
2. Tim Keller says, *We lose God more often not through argument, but through atmosphere.* Can you think of a time when this has happened to you?
3. Consider: George Herbert (17th Century English poet): *Man stole the fruit, but I must climb the tree. The tree of life to all, but me.*
4. How does Jesus' act of breaking bread with his disciples display a reversal of the fall?

***ALL FOR JESUS**

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

**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.

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

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

*JESUS PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)

I hear the Savoir say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine 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, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

(Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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: Gideons International
MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin Johnson with United World Mission at the Biblical Seminary of Columbia, Medellín.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our summer book club Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "Crazy Busy" by Kevin DeYoung. On August 9, we will discuss the novel Cutting for Stone. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

HOME RUN DERBY: Calling all ball players! Come on out for dinner and softball Sunday, July 16, at 5 p.m. at the Conrad softball fields. Bring hotdogs, lemonade, watermelon or chips and softball equipment and the kids, and we'll play all evening. Contact Terry Falk for details (270-1308).

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT: Join your church family August 25-26 at Tally Lake! Come for both nights or just the day on Saturday. Contact the office for details.

PASTOR SABBATICAL: Just a reminder the elders approved a six-week research sabbatical for Pastor Lloyd so he will be out of the office July 1-August 12. If you need any assistance during that time, contact the office (752-2400).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, July 13, at Central Christian Church. To assist, contact Dawn Tinkham (208-640-6060).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, July 16**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

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

SERVING: July Deacons are Bruce Tulloch & Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tom & Niam Moody/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: C. Hanson's

Nursery 11 a.m.: Wright/Gray

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Julie Thompson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - July 16th

Ushers: Tom & Niam Moody/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys

Nursery 11 a.m.: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Yvonne Hernandez & Glenda Quick

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

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

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm