

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 15, 2017

*“For if the inheritance comes by the law,
it no longer comes by promise;
but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.”
Galatians 3:18*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Jeremiah 31:6-7*

Leader: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’ For thus says the LORD:

All: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’”

*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)

*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)

*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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*ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Matthew 5:17-19

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" —
All: but we have been rich in pride.
Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn" —
All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.
Leader: "Blessed are the meek" —
All: but we are a stiff-necked people.
Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" —
All: but we are filled to the full with other things.
Leader: "Blessed are the merciful" —
All: but we are harsh and impatient.
Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart" —
All: but we have impure hearts.
Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers" —
All: but we have not sought reconciliation.
Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" —
All: but our lives do not challenge the world.
Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" —
All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.
Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.
All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

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.

SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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.)

OH, THE BLESSED CONDESCENSION

Oh, the blessed condescension, Christ to us the sinful came
Truth and power, all authority vested in a helpless babe
Strange and lowly, infant holy bears salvation to the world
To the banished hope is given through the faith of a virgin girl

On the cross see Christ our savior, many wounds which mar his skin
See the cost of our redemption; he is given for our sin
Oh the cruel price of salvation, God's own son placed in the grave
See the scandal turned to glory; he is risen we are saved

Into heaven he ascended, where our Lord is justly praised
All the hosts of heaven singing, to the King of all our days
On the earth, all life is calling, all are yearning for the groom
as God's kingdom comes with power and our hearts prepare him room

We now witness to the coming of his Kingdom on the earth
Here in part, not yet in fullness, we endure the pains of birth
*May we never cease in singing of the love our God has shown
For his love is everflowing; by our love he is made known*

The Five Solas of the Reformation
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sola Fide: Fooled By Justification - Galatians 3:1-18 (ESV)

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Sermon Outline

I. Blinded By Stupidity

A. Bewitched! (v. 3-6)

**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.

II. Cursed By Consequence

A. Terrified Compulsion (v. 10-14)

B. True Obedience (v. 15-18)

Sermon Questions

1. What are the implications for our lives if we indeed live as though we are justified by works and faith, rather than faith alone?
2. What was the importance of Luther stumbling over the word "dikaios" in Romans 1:17? How does that impact us today?
3. What does obedience from gratitude versus obedience from compulsion look like in your own life? Think of some examples.
4. How does the promised inheritance from the Lord to Abraham exemplified by the trust fund analogy help us understand the nature of God's covenant with His people?

*THY 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.

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.

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. (*Interlude*)

'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.

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)

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.

*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)

**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.

*BENEDICTION

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

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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastors Daniel Lambert, Matthew Fitzwater, Joey Gardiner Andy McPeak
MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Tajikistan

CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY: Join us TODAY for a chili lunch at the church after the second service and a trip to the corn maze! Admission is covered by the church.

NEW SMALL GROUP: Pastor Taylor's small group will begin Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. Don Olmsted will lead a study on Bryan Chapell's book "Unlimited Grace." Childcare will be shared by the group. Sign up in the foyer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. New this year, please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food, and the shipping cost is now \$9/box. *Bring your boxes to the church by Sunday, November 12.*

SNOW REMOVAL: We're looking for an early rising snow removal technician for church sidewalks whenever it snows! Snow blower provided! Contact office for details.

SERMON RECORDINGS can be found at our website faithcov.com. Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the icon for listening later.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, Oct. 15**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: October Deacons are Mike Stahlberg & Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys

Nursery 11 a.m.: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barbara Makowski/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - October 22nd

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Gina & Sophia Wright

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Jentz/H.Hansons

Nursery 11 a.m.: S. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosberry

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 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