

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*February 17, 2019*

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven  
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,  
who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”*

*Romans 1:18*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

**All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.**

### **\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! - Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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**\*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us  
When Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against  
*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)*

**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.

**\*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.

**\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me  
Have mercy on me  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy  
(Repeat 2x)

Lord help my unbelief  
Lord help my unbelief  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### **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.

**\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20***

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD - *Hymn #253 vs 1-3, 5***

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:

lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;

and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:

washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;

and there have I, as vile as he,

washed all my sins away.

*continued above*

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD, *continued***

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

**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)*

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son;  
Praise Father and the Son,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
*(Repeat All)*

**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.)

*Romans: Coming Under Grace*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Why We Need Divine Rescue - Romans 1:18-32 (ESV)*

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

## Sermon Outline

### I. Darkened Hearts

### II. Disordered Desires

### III. Debased Minds

**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

1. What is God's wrath? How do we keep this truth in an age that is revolted by the mere thought of it?
2. Verse 18 presents the charge against humanity. Paul gives three supports to this charge. What are they?
3. What are the three human exchanges mentioned? What are the three responses from the Lord?
4. How does the Lord reveal his wrath through moral chaos in society?
5. Consider: Paul uses homosexuality as his primary example here: A. It illustrates this exchange between order and disorder. B. "Paul's point is that the very existence of these desires in society is an evidence (among others) of God's handing us over to the consequences of our idolatry."—Christopher Ash
6. Why is this piece of information (18-32) so important coming on the heels of 16-17? How does the gospel address God's wrath?

**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.

**\*JESUS I COME**

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, *Jesus, I come to thee.*  
*Jesus, I come to thee.*

**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

### \*COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes*

### \*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.

*Staff:* Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)  
*Elders:* Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,  
Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,  
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Canvas Church, Kalispell, Pastor Kevin Geer

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for David and Ulrike Byle as they serve with Operation Mobilization.

**LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT!** Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, come take time away to study, reflect and connect with the women of Faith Covenant. Join us for a night away to study Psalm 19 at Stillwater Mountain Lodge north of Whitefish with our speaker Katie Polski. Total cost is just \$45 for lodging and 3 meals! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 24. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men are invited Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. starting Feb. 27 for breakfast and fellowship at the church. This is a get together between Men's Fraternity classes so come any and every week your schedule allows until next fall.

**ONLINE GIVING:** You may give your offerings through the church website at [www.faithcov.com](http://www.faithcov.com). Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

**PRAYER CARDS** are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders and Deacons only, or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to an Elder or Pastor.

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**SERVING:** February Deacon - Terry Falk

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Russells

Late Nursery: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday February 24**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner

Early Nursery: Saldamando & E. Hanson

Late Nursery: Olmsted

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Jenny Heyboar & Kate Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson & Hanni Hanson

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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