

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 19, 2019

*“Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Leader: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

All: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.*

(Chorus)

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!*

(Chorus 2x)

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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***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.

***GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)

Goodbye

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

All: FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 3:19-20*

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and he knows everything.

***CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL:** *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Leader: What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

All: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

**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.

***FORGIVEN**

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

(Chorus)

*Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

(Chorus)

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

(Chorus 2x)

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)*

BE STILL MY SOUL - *Hymn #689*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Living with Tension — Understanding the Bible
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Green Pastures & Dark Valleys — Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

John 14:12-14

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Psalm 37:3-5

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 13:1-2

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Habakkuk 1:2-3

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

Lamentations 3:1-4

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath;
² he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light;
³ surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long.
⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones;

Sermon Outline

I. Why Cup Runneth Over

II. How Long O Lord?

III. Living in the Tension

Sermon Questions

1. In parenting, what is the danger of living on the pole of discipline without freedom? Or of freedom without discipline? What side is more of a problem for you, and what are you going to do about it?
2. The prosperity gospel (health and wealth; name it and claim it, etc) lives on the pole of God's blessing and even teaches against affliction and suffering. What have been the terrible consequences of this false gospel in the world around us?
3. Consider: J. Stafford Wright says this: "The world is not weighted in our favor. But the same things, which break the man of the world, can make the Christian, if he takes them from the hand of God. Go on looking for the key that will unify the whole of life. You must look for it; God has made you like that, sore travail though it be. But you will not find it in the world; you will not find it in life; in revelation you will find the outskirts of God's ways; in Christ your finger tips touch the key, but no one has closed his fingers on it yet. No philosophy of life can satisfy if it leaves out Christ. Yet even the finest Christian philosophy must own itself baffled. But do not despair. There is a life to be lived day by day."
4. What about the person and work of Jesus enables you to enjoy blessings and endure hardships?

Children's Question

Sometimes the Lord brings good things into my life and sometimes He allows bad things to come into my life. My God loves me and I am to trust him.

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.

**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.

***I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(Repeat all)

***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.

(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)

***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.

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

**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.

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: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, Pastor Matthew Nelson

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for 100 Fold Studios (John & Sam Hudson), a nonprofit architecture firm providing design services and training architects for charitable organizations and projects around the world.

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our worship services times will change Sunday, June 2, to 8:15 and 10 a.m. for the rest of the summer. Sunday School will resume Sept. 8.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! See the bulletin insert listing their names. Join us for cake during Coffee Hour in their honor.

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY for college-age/young adults will kickoff Wednesdays, starting May 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersons' (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell). Come and enjoy dinner and a study and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) or Kate (270-7836) with questions.

NEW DIRECTORY: All regular attenders of Faith Covenant are invited to be in the church directory. Please fill out the form in the foyer to be included for the first time or to update any of your information. Contact the office with questions.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$156,913; Offerings received = \$151,953

HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER: Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

SERVING: May Deacon - Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner

Early Nursery: Russells & Saldamandos

Late Nursery: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Yvonne Hernandez & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday May 26th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: E. Hanson

Late Nursery: Matters

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Cathy Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Jeanie Brenneman

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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