

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 28, 2019

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!”
Psalm 118:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:1-4**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

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***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 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

***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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 5:13-15*

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*adapted from Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, 1542*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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.

SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION 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.

***ROCK OF AGES**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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)

TO HIM WHO IS ABLE

(Women) To Him Who is able, *(Men)* To Him Who is Able

(Women) To keep you from falling, *(Men)* To keep you from falling

(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him

To Him, to Him, to Him. *(Repeat)*

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ. *(Repeat All)*

(Women) To Him Who is able, *(Men)* To Him Who is Able

(Women) To keep you from falling, *(Men)* To keep you from falling

(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him

To Him, to Him, to Him.

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.)

Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Lord is with Me — Psalm 118:1-14 (ESV)

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
- ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.
- ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
- ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
- ¹⁰ All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹² They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Sermon Outline

I. His Love Endures forever

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Refuge in the Lord

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.

Sermon Questions

1. What does it mean that Psalm 118 was a Hallel Psalm?
2. Why is giving thanks and praise to the Lord good for our souls?
3. Psalm 118 was one of Martin Luther's favorite psalms. "This is the psalm that I love ... for it has often served me well and has helped me out of grave troubles, when neither emperor, kings, wise men, clever men, nor saints could have helped me."
4. To say that the Lord is on our side, is to say that the Lord has not abandoned us. It does not mean he has given approval to all the things we do. Why is this important to remember?
5. We struggle greatly when life's circumstances make it seem that the Lord is not our side. How has recalling the Lord's faithfulness in your life helped you in those moments when it was hard to see?
6. How do you hear the echoes of Jesus' words of comfort to his disciples in this psalm?

Children's Question

How is it a comfort to you knowing the Lord is with you wherever you are?

**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.

*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

***BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

*Amen amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen, let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away
(Chorus)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand
(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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

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.

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

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

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & E church planting in the Middle East with PCA's Mission to the World.

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

SAVE THE DATE! FCC CHURCH CAMP: Plan on joining us September 20-22 at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat (Easthaven's camp facility) for camp with your church family! Watch for registration details in August.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$258,445; Offerings received = \$247,785

100 FOLD STUDIO OPEN HOUSE: You are invited to a brunch to celebrate the conclusion of the summer student architecture program on Friday, Aug. 2, at 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Readiness Center (YWAM 501 Blacktail Road, Lakeside). Twenty four participants from 17 Universities and 7 different nations will report on the program, and 100 Fold Staff will provide a tour of their work and facilities. RSVP to Sam 406-270-6935.

SERVING: July Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Brian & Kristin Bay
Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner
Early Nursery: H. Hansons
Late Nursery: Buckners
Fellowship Hosts: Becky Lund & Ellen Rowe
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday August 4th

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Jim & Ellen Rowe
Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner
Early Nursery: E. Hansons
Late Nursery: Turners
Fellowship Hosts: Carlynn Shahlberg & Eileen Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan//Arline Tinkham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 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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