

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 23, 2020

*“And Jehoshaphat stood and said,
‘Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem!
Believe in the Lord our God, and you will be established;
believe his prophets, and you will succeed.’”
2 Chronicles 20:20*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 103:1-5,8*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53, vs. 1-2, 4-5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

**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.

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS**

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

(Chorus)

*And all will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah*

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

(Chorus 2x)

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God (3x)

(Chorus 2x)

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Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world, and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We've left undone those things that we should have done, and we've done what we should not have. There is no health in us. Lord have mercy on us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up what is broken in us, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (*adapted From the book of Common Worship, 1946*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 103:10-13*

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

(Chorus)

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

(Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

(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.)

Sermon Series: The Throne of David—2 Chronicles

Rev. Ben Melli

The Good, The Bad, The Incomplete — 2 Chronicles 20:1-12 (ESV)

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi). ³ Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴ And Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶ and said, “O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷ Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹ ‘If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.’ ¹⁰ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹ behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹² O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

Sermon Outline

I. The Good

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. The Bad

III. The Incomplete

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. Read chapters 17-20. Go back through your sermon notes and list all the good things Jehoshaphat did. List the things he did not do well too.
2. How was reform brought about by the Levites and others He sent out? What was their instruction?
3. How do you think the work done by the Levites and the prophets prepared them to depend on God in their time of need?
4. Jesus gives us a complete picture of the Kingdom. He also sends us out and gives us His word. What else does He give His disciples?

Children's Question

What does God give us in order to know Him and His plan?

What can you do when things in life become hard?

**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.

***THE LORD IS OUR SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground the Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, the Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord , He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come, the Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home, the Lord is my salvation
(Chorus)

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit, the Lord is our salvation *(Bridge 2x)*
The Lord is our salvation *(2x)*

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.

***THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION** -Hymn #347, vs. 1, 2, 4-6

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
she is his new creation by water and the Word
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

***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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

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 MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sara Johnson in Sololá Guatemala teaching theology and creating Old Testament videos for Latin American children.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE: Join us on non-Vespers Sundays for a simple evening service beginning February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor John will be leading a series through Galatians.

PARENTING IN THE PEW DATE NIGHT & WORKSHOP: Friday, Feb. 28, @ 5:30-9 p.m.

Here's how it will work: drop off your children at 5:30, we'll feed them, you enjoy dinner out.

Be back by 7 for dessert and workshop on guiding our children in worship. Sign up by

Feb. 23 in the foyer. Cost \$15 per couple (includes book, food and fun for you and your kids).

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesdays, March 4 (at Andersons') and March 18 (at Sacketts') at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! For ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, March 14, come take time away to study and reflect on our identity in Christ with the women of Faith Covenant. Join us 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with three speakers from our church in a beautiful setting (directions on registration). Cost includes a book and brunch, dinner and snacks—just \$25! Sign up in the foyer by March 8.

EASTER CHOIR: Please join our Easter choir! Rehearsals will be DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, March 15, through April 12. The choir will sing during both services on April 12 (Easter). If you are 13 or older, have a desire to get involved in music at Faith Covenant and love to sing, please join us! Sign up in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$48,956.54; Offerings received = \$56,074.81

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CURRICULUM: Our children's church has expanded to both services for children ages 4-6 with a new curriculum based on the elements of worship in the main service. Each month covers one element so February is all about prayer, March is about praise and April will focus on Easter. Ask your kids (or the kids near you) what they are learning.

SERVING: February Deacon - Terry Falk		WEEKLY/MONTHLY
<u>Today (1st service/2nd service)</u>		Worship Services
Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Jim & Ellen Rowe		Sundays
Children's Church: David & Annie Lillard/Don Olmsted		8:15 & 11 am
Early Nursery: Hunters		& 6:30 pm
Late Nursery: Clark/Marsh		Sunday School
Fellowship Hosts: Kristin Bay & Patti Albert		Sept.-May 10 am
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman		Elder/Deacon Meeting
<u>Next Sunday March 1st</u>		3rd Tuesdays 7 pm
Ushers: Dallas & Leah Beaty/McManus Family		Youth Groups
Children's Church: Heyboers/Olmsteds		Sept.-May Wed.
Early Nursery: Hernandez/Rowe		Jr High @ 6 pm
Late Nursery: Tinkhams		Sr. High @ 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Carlynn Stahlberg		Vespers
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez		2nd Sundays 6:30 pm