

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 30, 2020

*“Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.”
Psalm 127:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:3-6**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME AS YOU ARE**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

*(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

**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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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: O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

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.

***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com).*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 9:30 & 11 services (downstairs 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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Blessing of God's Providence — Psalm 127:1-2 (ESV)

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.

- ¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

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 Outline

- I. The Futility of Going It Alone

- II. The Fruitfulness of God's Blessing

Sermon Questions

1. Meaningless work is wearisome to us all. We want our efforts to matter. How does this psalm speak to what that might look like for us?
2. How does John 15:5 underscore this psalm for the Christian? Looking at Colossians 3:23-24, how does this also encourage our labors?
3. This psalm encourages our current labors and yet keep us from thinking that we are building heaven on earth. What goes wrong when we try and have heaven on earth now?
4. Consider: "The Holy Spirit is not the patron of lazy and inert men; but he directs the minds of those who labor to the providence and power of God."—Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563)
5. In what ways are you encouraged by this psalm even when your work and efforts to do not seem to pan out? In what way do you acknowledge the Lord in all of your works?

Children's Question

*As Christians, everything we do is to be done for the glory of God.
How does following Jesus keep us from forgetting this?*

***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - Hymn #252**

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

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**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.

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.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST, *continued

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
 His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
 Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
 Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ
(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
 Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
 And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ
(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: All of our public, private and home school teachers and students starting the new school year.

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K from Faith Covenant in the Middle East.

YOUTH GROUP START SEPT. 2: Middle School youth (6th-8th grades) will meet 4:30-6 p.m. and high school (9th-12th grades) will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 2 at the church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Two Bible study groups will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16, one at 9:30 a.m. at the church (Ephesians) and one at 1:15 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (*In His Image*, Jen Wilkin). Sign up by Sept. 13 in the foyer or email Bekah Marsh (jjm.rsm@gmail.com).

VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service. Regular evening services will resume Sunday, Sept. 20, also at 6:30 p.m.

SERVING: August Deacon – Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 9:30 Carolyn Duncan — 11 Don Olmsted

Nursery: 9:30 Motley — 11 Turners

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday September 6th

Children's Church: 9:30 Hanni & Zephy Hanson — 11 Don Olmsted

Nursery: 9:30 S. Thompson — 11 Putzler/McManus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Theresa Paolini

Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

at 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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