

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 4, 2020

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Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love serve one another.”
Galatians 5:13*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 113:1-3**

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

***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

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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 our sins
As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen
(Repeat All)

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Amen, amen, amen

**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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**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen. (*adapted from Psalm 5*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus)

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)
Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

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: Serve, Sacrifice & Die — A Biblical Mission Statement
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Serving Church — Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

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.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Luke 22:27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

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. Free in Christ
- II. Bound to Serve

Sermon Questions

1. Consider: "Christian freedom is freedom to love and therefore to serve."—Timothy George. Our freedom in Christ is to love and serve. How is this contrary to what many think of freedom?
2. Consider: "A Christian is free and independent in every respect, a bond servant to none. A Christian is a dutiful servant in every respect, owing a duty to everyone." —Martin Luther. How does our freedom in Christ make us bound to one another?
3. How does the grace of God in your life position you to move toward others in love and service?
4. What has been a personal challenge to you in putting the needs of others before your own? How does this look when dealing with people who either are non-Christians or have opinions opposite your own?

Children's Question

How has serving others been hard for you at times? How does your faith in Christ help you to serve even when your heart doesn't want to?

*YOUR WILL BE DONE

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done*

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

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.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be

(Chorus)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point ministries
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle, Bible Correspondence Course
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES starts TODAY at 9:30-10:30 a.m.
VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.
COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday -Thursday, Oct. 19-22, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

SERVING: October Deacon – Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 — Sharon Salyer

Nursery: 9:30 Motley — 11 D. Tinkham/A. Tinkham

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Gloria Johnson

Next Sunday October 11th

Children's Church: 11 — Micah Tinkham

Nursery: 9:30 TBD — 11 Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jeanie Brenneman

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Streaming 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9

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