

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 8, 2020

*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.”
Matthew 16:24*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:1-4**

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalm 18:28, 30-31

All: You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Your way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the rock except our God?

***BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

**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: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

***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: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. 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: Serve, Sacrifice & Die — A Biblical Mission Statement
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Church that Follows — Matthew 16:24-27 (ESV)

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

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. Following Jesus—Counting the Cost of a Thousand Deaths
- II. Following Jesus—The Pursuit of Joy in Dying

Sermon Questions

1. The cross is a shocking and an ultimate metaphor for following Jesus. Hearing this with fresh ears can be a challenge for those who have heard this many times. Slow down and prayerfully consider these words anew.
2. Often, Christians will use the dodge of saying: “But that is not my gift” in order to avoid doing something that is hard for them. How does Jesus’ call to discipleship go beyond gifting and personal preferences?
3. In the DNA of our faith is dying and resurrection. We are called to countless little deaths in serving the Lord and one another. To die in these areas comes with the promise of resurrection and renewal—meaning we are changed into a Christ-like image. How has this been an encouragement for you? What are some challenges?
4. To deny personal happiness is the great sin of our culture. “I have a right to be happy.” The death Jesus calls us to stands directly opposed to this. How does this bring persecution to his followers? How does the love of Jesus for you encourage your heart in persevering?

Children’s Question

Jesus calls his people to follow him no matter what the cost. It is hard to give up something we want in order to love someone else. Where have you struggled with this recently? How does Jesus’ love for you encourage you to follow him when it is hard?

*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.

***JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

***BENEDICTION**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Aletheia Christian Fellowship, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish
VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE: Come celebrate after our 6:30 p.m. evening service on Sunday, Nov. 22, with a pie social. Sign up in the foyer to bring a pie.
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are due at the church Sunday, Nov. 15. Pick up labels/instructions in the foyer. The shipping cost is \$9/box.

SERVING: November Deacon – Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk
Nursery: 11 Clark
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday November 15th

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk
Nursery: 11 Jaszczak/J. Brown
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Arline Tinkham

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