

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 12, 2023

Moses is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

Numbers 12:7-8

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 18

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock
and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in
whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my
salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is
worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock,
except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be
the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and
sing to your name.

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***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL PRAISE TO HIM**

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

*To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart ... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, and you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (*Psalms 51:1-4, 10*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 23:1-4*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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.

***ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well

On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living or in dying all must be well

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.)

Special Prayer *for the Russell family's mission trip*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - *Hymn #457*

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

Sermon Series: Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sibling Rivalry: Numbers 12

¹Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ²And they said, “Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard it. ³Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. ⁴And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.” And the three of them came out. ⁵And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” ⁹And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.

I. Envy—misplaced desires

II. A heart captured by grace

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. What is indicated by the placement of Miriam before Aaron and the first verb in Hebrew being a feminine, singular? How might this relate to the punishment given?
2. Moses prays for his sister who had hurt him. Job is asked to pray for his friends who hurt him as well. Consider, “Praying for someone who has wounded you displays a freedom from vengefulness which is perhaps the irreducible and uncounterfeitable sign of participation in the covenant.”—J.G. Danzen. How have you seen this demonstrated before?
3. What did Moses’ marriage have to do with the complaint of his siblings? Does this seem to be mostly a pretext to envy or was it a serious issue in its own right?
4. How are we to understand verse 3 with Moses presented as a humble man given his authorship? How have you struggled in responding to false accusations?
5. In what way does Moses anticipate Christ in his response?

Children’s Question

When you are envious of someone else, ask Jesus to change your heart so you can rejoice and be glad for that person. Jesus prayed even for his enemies and died on the cross for those who hurt him. He sets us free from our grubby hearts.

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.

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Sean Iddings— 11 Elder Tim Anderson

*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered
death

And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Kalispell

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jim & Jill Hadlock, serving with CRU on the The Jesus Film Project

VESPERS: Join us TONIGHT at 6:30pm to unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

NORTH KALISPELL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Will be next Sunday, March 19, in the fellowship hall after the 2nd service for those in the North Kalispell group (led by Elder Tom Jentz and Deacon Mike Stahlberg). If you're in that group, you should have already received an email about the upcoming luncheon.

FAITH COVENANT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: is always looking for more pray-ers to pray for the women of FCC. They are also in specific need of one woman who would be interested in praying faithfully for the high-school-aged girls in the congregation. If that sounds like you, please contact Judy Fosbery at (406) 249-2535.

FAITH COVENANT HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: Is looking for more volunteers to serve the members of our congregation as needs arise. These needs can include house cleaning and driving. We would greatly appreciate a few more helpers. If interested, please call or text Dawn Tinkham at (406) 471-0656.

SERVING: March Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Peters/M&J Thompson

Children's Church: Russells/Tim Anderson

Nursery: Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Kim von Olhausen & Laura Moody

Communion Prep/Cleanup: J&D McGarvey/Niam Moody

Next Sunday March 19

Ushers: Peters/M&J Thompson

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Kamela Anderson & family

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Chris Scrima

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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