

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 19, 2023

“How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.”

Numbers 14:27

**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 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.

**Indicates*

when to stand.

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***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***PSALM 90 (SATISFY US WITH YOUR LOVE)**

You have been our dwelling place
O Everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

(Chorus)

*When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us

(Chorus)

(Bridge x2)

Teach us, Lord
To number our days on Earth
Give us more
Wisdom in the secret heart
As You displayed amazing grace
In Jesus Christ for us

(Chorus)

When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us

Satisfy us with Your love (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.

Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father and the Son;
Praise Father and the Son,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
(Repeat All)

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—Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Lament of God: Numbers 13-14

Ch. 13: ¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them.”... ²⁵At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land... ²⁷And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large... ³⁰But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” ³¹Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” ³²So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out.

Ch. 14: ²And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

I. The power of unbelief

II. The faithfulness of God

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. The ten described the land without the familiar qualifiers “the land, which the Lord swore to give them.” How does this redirect the narrative they are giving?
2. Consider: “The challenge is whether to trust the bare word of God’s promise or to have our vision limited by one of the observable realities before us.”—Keith Condie. What are some recent challenges you have had living by faith and not by sight?
3. Hebrews 3:12-19 specifically makes mention of this incident in Numbers 13-14. We are told not to harden our hearts in unbelief like the Israelites did.
4. In Numbers 14:26, it is the Lord who cries out in lament “How long?” What is surprising about this? How do we see God’s mercy and justice come together in the wilderness generation?

Children’s Question

To trust God when things don’t look very good is really hard. In what way does following Jesus prepare us for these hard times in our lives?

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.

**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.

***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

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)*

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Pastor— 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

*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

Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,
Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Church, Pastor Lance Dannic

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

NORTH KALISPELL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: meets TODAY in
the fellowship hall after the 2nd service for those in the North Kalispell group
(led by Elder Tom Jentz and Deacon Mike Stahlberg)

LADIES' COFFEE: There will be a ladies' get-together at 9:30am on Saturday,
March 25th, at Kim Hansen's home, 445 La Brant Rd. Feel free to bring whatever
winter gear you might need to go to the Bigfork Nature Trails or the Bigfork
Community Nordic Center after the indoor fellowship if you desire and weather
permits.

EASTER LILY ORDERS: Place your order for an Easter lily in honor or memory of
your loved one(s). Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin and
lilies will be displayed during the Easter services. Forms are available on the table
in the foyer to fill out and leave in the box provided or return to the church office
along with \$10.00 (per lily), no later than Sunday, April 2.

EASTER SERVICES: There will be two GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES on April 7
(6pm & 8pm) and three services on EASTER SUNDAY (8:00, 9:30 and 11am)
Note: children's church and nursery will be available at the 8am and 11am services
only on 4/9. Faith Covenant Deacons will cook and serve breakfast between 9
and 11am There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

FAITH COVENANT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: is always looking for more
women who want to commit to praying faithfully for the ladies of FCC. Please
contact Judy Fosbery at (406) 249-2535 if interested.

SERVING: March Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hadley & Duncan/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Kamela Anderson Family

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Chris Scrima

Next Sunday March 26th

Ushers: Hadley & Duncan/von Olhausens

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Kate & Isaac Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: Amy Haymond & Janis Orndorff

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Jessica Brown

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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