

***O BLESS THE GIFTS** – words included

O bless the gifts we bring to you
and bless our lives in service too.
You are our Lord, High Priest and King.
We humbly give this offering.

We thank you God for your dear Son.
We thank you too for what you've done.
We love you Lord our true delight.
You are the way, the truth, the life.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Tales from the North
Sermon Title: Omri—A Story of Success
Sermon Text: 1 Kings 16:23-28

***MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE** – Hymn #648

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Matt Riley

***WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE** – Hymn #355

***BENEDICTION**

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*“Serving One Another in Love”
Galatians 5:13*

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LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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*“Omri did what was evil in the sight of the LORD,
and did more evil than all who were before him.”
1 Kings 16:25*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-4**

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING – Hymn #289*

**COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING – words included*

Come people of the Risen King
who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him;
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

(Chorus)

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
and His mercies never cease;
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

(Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing
shore to shore we hear them call;
the truth that cries through ev'ry age
our God is all in all.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE) – words included**

I'm forgiven, because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me,
because you died and rose again.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Amazing love, how can it be
that you my King would die for me?*

*Amazing love, I know it's true,
and it's my joy to honor you.*

In all I do, I honor you.

(Repeat all)

You are my King, Jesus, you are my King.
You are my King, Jesus, you are my King.

(Chorus)

In all I do, I honor you.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 34:9-12*

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him
have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come,
O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the
LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many
days, that he may see good?

**All: Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was
tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we
confess before you our own sinfulness; we have
hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have
compromised with evil; we have doubted your
power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have
mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust
and love that we may walk in your ways and delight
in doing your will. This we ask for Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 34:18-22*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the
crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his
bones; not one of them is broken. The LORD redeems the
life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

***10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD) – words included**

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,
worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name;

I'll worship your holy name.

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Rocky Mountain Community Church (PCA), Billings, Pastors Alfred Poirier & Jason Barrie.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Seth, Rachel and Wyatt Park, missionaries with Pioneers in Turkey.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER or finding out more about Faith Covenant Church? Plan to attend our **“Just Looking”** class that **begins today**. Classes will be held in the Overflow Room off the foyer each Sunday in July (5 wks) from 11:15 a.m.–12:00 noon. Childcare will be provided. Membership is not required after taking the class, but the class *is* required for membership.

COMMUNICANT’S CLASS – If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant’s Class, please sign them up on the sheet in the foyer. Class will be held July 9 – July 12 (Mon.–Thurs.) from 2:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m. at the church. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lloyd or the office.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST HAS BEEN CANCELLED for Wednesday, July 4. They will meet again on Wednesday, July 11.

FAITH COVENANT HAS A SOFTBALL TEAM! and is looking for players. If you would like to play softball this summer, contact Matt King at 260-6381 or Terry Falk at 270-1308.

WE ARE IN NEED OF 2–3 MORE VOLUNTEERS to help run our Sound System on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary—you will be trained and put on a rotating schedule with other volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can help or for more information.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GUITAR PLAYERS who would like to join our music team for Sunday morning worship. Contact Joyce Schmutz at 756-6325 if interested.

MADAGASCAR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REMINDER:

There is a container on the window sill in the foyer for your Clarisse and Andry offerings. Offerings may also be put in the offerings bags but please make a note designating them to Madagascar.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next week on **Thursday, July 12** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SOUND THE TRUMPETS>>>

The King is Coming

Mon. July 23 - Thurs. July 26

Many volunteers are needed!!!
Contact Joni Jenks at 257-3560
or the office at 752-2400 if you
would like to help!

JULY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Doug Brown
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Jeri Brown
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Vern & Carol Stewart
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Rose Ann & Aaron Clark
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) TBD
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Neumanns
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Carolyn Duncan & JoAnn Duncan
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 8

USHERS/GREETERS Vern & Carol Stewart
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Uzzis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Will Schmutz?
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Penelopé Bennett & Ellen Rowe
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – Just Looking class begins

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, cancelled this week only

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
Mon-Thurs, July 9-12 – Communicant’s Class, 2:00-3:00
Thursday, July 12 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Sunday, July 15 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
Tuesday, July 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 22 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
– Visiting missionary presentation
Mon-Thurs, July 23-26 – Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 24 – Cancer & chronic illness support group, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 29 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.

SERMON OUTLINE

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I. Success—crushing our enemies one king at a time

II. Success—showing faithfulness to the Lord one decision at a time

SERMON TEXT: 1Kings 16:23-28 (ESV)

²³ In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for twelve years; six years he reigned in Tirzah. ²⁴ He bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver, and he fortified the hill and called the name of the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. ²⁵ Omri did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did more evil than all who were before him. ²⁶ For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in the sins that he made Israel to sin, provoking the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger by their idols. ²⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Omri that he did, and the might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? ²⁸ And Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his son reigned in his place.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What do we learn about Omri from the archeological discoveries of the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III, the Moabite Mesha stele, and the inscriptions of Tiglath-pileser III?
2. In what ways do Omri's life parallel King David's? How are they different?
3. What was the advantage of having Samaria as the new capital?
4. What does it mean to say that all power is derivative?
5. Consider: *"It requires faith to believe that the Lord's warnings of judgment will not fail to come to pass when nothing happens for years, even centuries, on end."*—Dr. Rayburn
6. Why is it important to understand the theological evaluation of Omri from the Lord's perspective?
7. In what ways do Christians still struggle with evaluating 'success'? How does our faithfulness to the Lord play into our evaluation?
8. At the end of Jesus' life, how would his 'success' be evaluated by the standards of the world?
9. What about the gospel completely undoes the world's accounting system?