

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

June 4, 2017



*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98**

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader: For the LORD comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

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

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

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

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued

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!

***ARISE O GOD AND SHINE**

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Rom. 3:20, 23; 6:23*

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All: My God and my Creator, I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice and other sinful affections. I repent of these things, and I am sorry for them, and ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Nahum 1:7*

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

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.)

***GLORY BE (AGNUS DEI)**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on
us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on
us.

(Chorus 2x)

Amen, Amen.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

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

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)

THY WILL BE DONE

My God and Father! while I stray,
Far from my home in life's rough way,
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If Thou shouldst call me to resign,
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine.
I only yield Thee what was Thine;
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If but my fainting heart be blest,
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God! To Thee I leave the rest,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine, and take away,
All now that makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Then when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!" (2x)

Sermon Series: Pentecost

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

The Acts of Jesus Christ Through the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians--we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Sermon Outline

I. Jesus Ascends—The Ascension

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II. The Spirit Descends—Pentecost

A. Empowered Proclamation

B. Expanded Presence

God Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. What is the importance of Jesus' ascension?
2. What are the significances of the three symbols: wind, fire, and languages?
3. The book of Acts does not teach us about an elevation of the interior spiritual life of believers through the Spirit, nor does it teach a 'second blessing' of the Spirit given to some but not all believers. What then is the focus of the book of Acts?
4. What does Jesus tell the disciples the purpose of the outpouring of the Spirit is for in Acts 1:8?
5. Consider: "God by his Spirit now moves from the temple on Zion to take up residence in the body of Christ's Church, which is, consequently, born on this very day [of Pentecost] as a mission and world church."—H. Bavinck. In what sense is pentecost unrepeatable? In what way has it not ended?
6. How is Pentecost an undoing of God's judgment? What does this tell us of the power of Christ in the world through His Church?

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)**

I hear the Savoir say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

(Chorus)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,
Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle with
Operation Mobilization in Istanbul, Turkey.

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

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our worship services times will change starting TO-
DAY, June 4, to 8:15 and 10 a.m. for the rest of the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! See the bulletin insert listing their
names. Between services, our Coffee Hour will be held in their honor. Please join us!

UPWARD BOUND VBS: Registration starts June 11 for this summer's new VBS pro-
gram! Mark your calendars for Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, at 6-8:15 p.m. For kids age
4 to entering 6th grade. Contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) for details!

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY: Summer Bible study for college-age/young
adults will kickoff Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at Tim & Kate Andersons' (225
Terrace Rd., Kalispell, 270-4951). Come enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend!

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower Sunday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at the
church for Maggie Falk and Michelle Hernandez. If you would like to contribute to a
group gift for each of them, contact Kristin Bay in the office by May 8 (752-2400).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are vol-
unteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, June 8, at Central Chris-
tian. Please sign up in the foyer if you can prepare food this week. Contact Dawn
Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: June Deacons: Mike Stahlberg/Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Motleys & Sullivans

Nursery 11 a.m.: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Laura Pierson (Grad Sunday)

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Hanni Hanson

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Nursery 11 a.m.: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Tamie Jentz & Kate Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Yvonne Hernandez

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 pm

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm