

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 28, 2018*

*“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.”*

*Jonah 2:2*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

### **\*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!

## \*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*(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 OF PRAISE

### **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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD** - *Hymn #253 vs 1-3, 5*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 John 1:6, 8-9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments... Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

**All:** Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.' " Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. (*Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **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.

**\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20***

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**\*THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*(Chorus)*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

*(Chorus)*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*(Chorus)*

*continued above*

**\*THE POWER OF THE CROSS, continued**

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*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)*

**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*

**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.)

*Jonah*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*The Lord Appointed – Jonah 1:17-2:10 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.  
<sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.  
<sup>4</sup> Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'  
<sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.  
<sup>7</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.  
<sup>8</sup> Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"  
<sup>10</sup> And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**Sermon Outline**

I. Understanding Jonah

## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. A Prayer Rises from the Depths

### III. The Sign of Jonah

#### **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 Questions**

1. What causes many to reject Jonah as history? Are there features from the text that allow for understanding the genre in different ways?
2. Read Jeremiah 51:34 and Hosea 8:8. How does Israel reflect Jonah? In what other ways does Israel parallel the life of Jonah? How does Jesus enter the discussion then as the light to the gentiles that Israel refused to be?
3. In the NT, where do we see the continued resistance of Israel to be a priestly nation to the Gentiles?
4. In what ways do we see the sovereign hand of the Lord working through his servant Jonah? Jonah's prayer here and his later actions seem to be at odds with each other. What might account for this?
5. When Jesus speaks of being a sign of Jonah (Mt 12:39-41), what does he mean? How does God's light come to the nations?

**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.

**\*I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,  
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.  
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled  
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save  
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;  
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

*(Repeat all)*

**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**

**Leaders & Staff**

**Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

*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

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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.

# \*WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken  
Joshua Moore

## Chorus

F F/D B $\flat$  F Dm C B $\flat$

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D B $\flat$  F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

## Verse

Dm C B $\flat$  C F

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've

B $\flat$  Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
 bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

B $\flat$  Dm B $\flat$  C Dm C/E

sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
 mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.  
 gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

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## \*BENEDICTION

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Central Bible Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Peter Barber

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ on the Tajikistan/Uzbekistan border.

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). Sign up by January 28 in the foyer!

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP TIME CHANGE:** When the senior youth group resumes on Jan. 31, they will start meeting at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Neumann home (111 East Bluegrass Dr. Kalispell).

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** New church directories are available in the foyer. Please let the office know of corrections or changes for future printings.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with ushering, children's church, coffee hour, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation! Sign up in the foyer or contact the office (752-2400) to find out more.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve Thursday, Feb. 8, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details or to help (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** January Deacon - Micah Hill

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Tim & Kate Anderson  
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne  
Nursery 8:15 am: Bennett/Sullivan  
Nursery 11 am: Wrights  
Fellowship Hosts: Yvonne Hernandez & Kristin Bay  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - February 4th**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Tim & Kate Anderson  
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne  
Nursery 8:15 am: Hobus  
Nursery 11 am: Brown/Davis  
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Patti Albert  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Benni Tulloch

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

**Youth Groups**

Wednesdays Sr 6:30 & Jr 7 pm

**Young Adult Group**

1st & 3rd Sundays 6 pm

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