

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 18, 2018

*“The LORD is in the right,
for I have rebelled against his word;
but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering;
my young women and my young men have gone into captivity.”
Lamentations 1:18*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:28-33**

Leader: Attribute to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, attribute to the LORD glory and strength!

All: Attribute to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

***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!

***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.

***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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***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - Hymn #252**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 7:1-3*

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

All: Merciful Father, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from our proud thoughts and our vain desires. We often treat your word and your commandments far too lightly. We always want your promises but we hold back from walking in true and heartfelt obedience. We are quick to bind ourselves to lesser goods, and not treasure your teachings as the apple of our eye. Lord, we come to you confessing this as sin, confiding in your grace, and finding our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*JESUS PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)

I hear the Saviour 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)

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.

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)

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.)

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME



1. Flesh will fail — and bones will break; thieves will steal, — the earth will
2. Put no trust — in the earth, in the sod — you stand up
3. Of - fer up — your shoes and shirt; turn your cheek! — turn your



shake. Night will fall, — the light will fade; — The Lord will give — and take a -
on. Flow ers fade — in - to dust; — The Lord will make — a place for
cheek! Bear the yoke — of love and death; — The Lord will give — all life and



way:
us: *Be-cause of His great Love, we are not o-ver-come!* — *Be-cause of*
breath:



His great Love, we are not o - ver - come! —

Lamentations: A Liturgy of Grief
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Grief Observed – Lamentations 1 (ESV)

- ¹ How lonely sits the city that was full of people!
How like a widow has she become,
she who was great among the nations!
She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave.
- ³ Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude;
she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.
- ⁸ Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy;
all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness;
she herself groans and turns her face away.
- ⁹ Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future;
therefore her fall is terrible; she has no comforter.
“O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!”
- ¹⁰ The enemy has stretched out his hands over all her precious things;
for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary,
those whom you forbade to enter your congregation.
- ¹¹ All her people groan as they search for bread;
they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength.
“Look, O LORD, and see, for I am despised.”
- ¹⁴ “My transgressions were bound into a yoke;
by his hand they were fastened together;
they were set upon my neck; he caused my strength to fail;
the Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand.

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A Grief Observed – Lamentations 1 (ESV)

- ¹⁶ “For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit;
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.”
- ¹⁷ Zion stretches out her hands, but there is none to comfort her;
the LORD has commanded against Jacob that his neighbors should be his foes;
Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them.
- ¹⁸ “The LORD is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word;
but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering;
my young women and my young men have gone into captivity.
- ²⁰ “Look, O LORD, for I am in distress; my stomach churns;
my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.
In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death.
- ²¹ “They heard my groaning, yet there is no one to comfort me.
All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it.
You have brought the day you announced; now let them be as I am.

Sermon Outline

I. Why Lament?

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. The Grief and Guilt of Those Who Remain

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. Lamentations is a highly constructed literary work. Does that surprise you when you consider it is an expression of great grief over the destruction of Jerusalem and its people?
2. Consider: “Genuine heartfelt expression of the deepest emotions does not require spontaneity. Unpondered prayers are not greater, more passionate, or real, or passionate or genuine, or alive than prayers that are thoughtfully and earnestly poured out through carefully crafted form.” Why is this true? How does it cut against much of our societies thinking?
3. Our emotions are like rivers of emotions. Without river banks, they flood and run shallow and then dissipate. How does structured grief help us to channel our emotions to a better end?
4. Consider: “We conventionally speak of time as a healer. Yet a wound heals over time only with proper tending.” —L.C. Allen. Why is this important to remember when we go through grief?
5. How do the laments of Jesus bring hope to us in our pain and sorrow?

***OH WHY SO HEAVY OH MY SOUL?**

Words: Edward Caswall, 1873

Music: Clint Wells, 2009

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music with corresponding lyrics below. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: Chords: E, C#m, A, E, E, A. Lyrics: Oh why so hea - vy, Oh my soul? Thus to my - self I've willed. His good-ness made thee what thou art And yet will he re - deem.

Staff 2: Chords: B, B7, E, C#m, A, E, E, A. Lyrics: Oh why so hea - vy, Oh my heart? And so sor - row filled? Oh be thou of a con - trite heart And put your trust in him.

Staff 3: Chords: B, E, A, B. Lyrics: Hope thou in God, He still shall be Thy Glo-ry

Staff 4: Chords: E, A, B, C#m, A. Lyrics: and thy end - less praise His sav-ing grace shall com - fort thee

Staff 5: Chords: B, A, B, E. Lyrics: Through ev - er - last - ing days.

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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.

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)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*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.

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 *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: Canvas Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Kevin Geer

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle with Bible Correspondence
Course, Operation Mobilization, Istanbul, Turkey

LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! For ONE DAY ONLY Sat-
urday, March 3, come take time away to study and reflect and connect with the
women of Faith Covenant. Join us 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with our speaker Becky Ber-
ry and enjoy brunch and dinner on beautiful Echo Lake (directions on registration
form). Registration just \$15! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 25.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children ages 4 to fifth grade are invited
to sing for the church on Palm Sunday, March 25. Practices will be the first 15
minutes of Sunday School for four weeks starting Feb. 25 in the fellowship hall.
Contact Bekah Marsh for details (434-882-2319).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant
in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **TODAY, Feb. 18**, at 5 p.m. at the
Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

ONLINE GIVING: You may give your offerings through the church website at
www.faithcov.com. Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple
directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According
to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders and Deacons only, or
put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or
Pastor.

SERVING: February Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 am: H. Hansons

Nursery 11 am: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Bud & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday - February 25th

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 am: Motleys

Nursery 11 am: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Yvonne Hernandez

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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