

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 11, 2018

*“And he prayed to the LORD and said,
"O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country?
That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you
are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.”
Jonah 4:2*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

***JESUS SHALL REIGN - Hymn #441 vs. 1, 3-5**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

***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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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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*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*WE HAVE NOT LOVED THEE WITH A PURE HEART

Rebekah Marsh (words adapted from Book of Common Prayer)

The musical score is written for a single voice part (Soprano) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "We have not loved Thee with a pure heart. Nor have we loved each other. We've not done justly and we've not loved mercy nor walked hum-bly with God. So, Ha - ve mer-cy Ha - ve mer-cy Je-sus Ha - ve mer-cy Have mer - cy on us." The score consists of five staves of music with corresponding lyrics and chord markings above the notes.

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: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

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)

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

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.
Do I Have Right to Be Angry? – Jonah 4:1-11 (ESV)

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster." ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Sermon Outline

I. An Angry Prophet

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. A Patient God

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. Verse 1 expresses Jonah's dissatisfaction about as strongly as possible short of profanity. We are intended to be shocked by Jonah's response toward God. How do you account for someone behaving like this? How does the gospel address a heart like Jonah?
2. Verse 2 is almost verbatim to Joel 2:13. We also see this in Exodus 34:6-7, Nehemiah 9:17 and Psalm 145:8. How could God's compassion be the root of someone's anger?
3. The book of Jonah makes us ask the question: "Why should we expect God to have mercy on us and not on others?" How are we to answer that?
4. Some have thought Jonah is upset not at God's mercy, but that God's mercy makes him seem like a false prophet—his words did not come true (Deut. 18:21-22). Either way, there is a profound selfishness in Jonah's heart. How does God try to gently show this to Jonah with the plant?
5. Why should we be good if God is going to forgive wicked people anyways? (Malachi 3:14-15).
6. The book ends giving the reader a choice to either follow Jonah to his ridiculous and even embarrassing hatred or to see the world through God's eyes. How have you seen your own hard heartedness take you to ridiculous conclusions?

**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.

***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.

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.

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

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.

***BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(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

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.

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.

LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! For ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, 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 8:00 p.m. with our speaker Becky Berry and enjoy brunch and dinner on beautiful Echo Lake (directions on registration form). Registration just \$15! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 25.

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

NEIGHBORS IN NEED VALENTINE LUNCH: Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 11-1:30 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church. Spaghetti lunch is \$10 or \$12 if delivered. Call 752-7266 for tickets. You can help by volunteering to serve or contributing a homemade pie—call Sharon Salyer (212-1758) for more information.

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

SERVING: February Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Bruce & Benni Tulloch

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 am: Hunters

Nursery 11 am: Longeneckers

Fellowship Hosts: Julie Thompson & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jeanie Brennehan

Next Sunday - February 18th

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: Terri Miller & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Hanni Hanson

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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