

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 25, 2018

*“The LORD has done what he purposed;
he has carried out his word, which he commanded long ago;
he has thrown down without pity; he has made the enemy
rejoice over you and exalted the might of your foes.”*

Lamentations 2:17

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

O wanderer come home, you're not too far

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

*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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***WEARY OF EARTH MYSELF AND SIN**

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free,
And to Your glory take me in, for there I long to be.

(Chorus)

*Let a poor laborer here below, when from his toil set free;
To rest and peace eternal go; for there I long to be.*

Burdened, dejected and oppressed, ah! Where shall I flee,
But to Your arms for peace and rest? For there I long to be.

(Chorus)

Empty, polluted, dark and vain, is all this world to me;
May I the better world obtain; for there I long to be.

(Chorus 2x)

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust; from freedom in holiness to slavery in sin; from compassion to indifference; from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

*CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: **Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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.

***HOW GREAT THOU ART**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus)

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.)

BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin

I be-lieve in the Son; I be-lieve in the Ris-en One,
I was dead in the grave; I was cov-ered-in sin and shame

I be-lieve I o-ver-come by the pow-er of His blood;
I heard mer-cy call my name; He-rolled the stone a way.

A - men A - men I'm a-live, I'm a-live be-cause He - lives A -
men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev-er ends be-cause He
lives. ends be-cause He
lives I can face to-mor-row be-cause He lives ev-ry fear is gone; I
know He holds my life my fut-ure in His hands. A - men A -
men I'm a - live I'm a-live be-cause He lives. A - men a
men let my song join the one that ne - ver ends. be-cause He lives.

Lamentations: A Liturgy of Grief
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Look, O Lord, and See – Lamentations 2:1-22 (ESV)

- ¹ How the Lord in his anger has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud!
He has cast down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel;
he has not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.
- ³ He has cut down in fierce anger all the might of Israel;
he has withdrawn from them his right hand in the face of the enemy;
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob, consuming all around.
- ⁵ The Lord has become like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel;
he has swallowed up all its palaces; he has laid in ruins its strongholds,
and he has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.
- ¹¹ My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out to
the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,
because infants and babies faint in the streets of the city.
- ¹² They cry to their mothers, “Where is bread and wine?”
as they faint like a wounded man in the streets of the city,
as their life is poured out on their mothers' bosom.
- ¹⁴ Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions;
they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes,
but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading.
- ¹⁷ The LORD has done what he purposed; he has carried out his word,
which he commanded long ago; he has thrown down without pity;
he has made the enemy rejoice over you and exalted the might of your foes.
- ¹⁹ “Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches!
Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children,
who faint for hunger at the head of every street.”
- ²⁰ Look, O LORD, and see! With whom have you dealt thus?
Should women eat the fruit of their womb, the children of their tender care?
Should priest and prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord?
- ²¹ In the dust of the streets lie the young and the old; my young women and my
young men have fallen by the sword; you have killed them in the day of your an-
ger, slaughtering without pity.

Sermon Outline

I. The Lord's Anger

II. The Cry of the Soul

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 2 expresses greater intensity than chapter 1. It seems to ask the question "Does Judah's punishment fit the crime?" The poet does not answer the question. Why do you think this question is implied?
2. This chapter informs us that fidelity to the Lord is more important than Israel's presence as a religious community. The Lord's patience has a limit. How does this keep us from presumption in our own lives?
3. In what way does our understanding of covenant help to interpret the events that occurred to God's people? How does this also point us to the new covenant?
4. Consider: "Directing a lament to God is an acknowledgment of God's power over the circumstances of life. It also suggests some degree of confidence that God will do something to remedy a situation beyond human control."—Dianne Bergant. How is a lament a humble expression of faith?
5. How do you bring comfort to someone who has suffered due to their own mistakes? How does the gospel enable us to do so?

**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.

***GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)
Goodbye

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.

***WE WILL FEAST**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.
(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: Cornerstone Community Church, Kalispell, Pastor Luke Knoll

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 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 7:30 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.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children ages 4 to sixth 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 TODAY, Feb. 25, in the fellowship hall. Contact Bekah Marsh for details (434-882-2319).

SPRING FEVER POTATO POTLUCK: Join us for a Spring Fever Potato Potluck Sunday, March 11, following the second service. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes – you bring the toppings and dessert! Sign up in the foyer.

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

SERVING: February Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday - March 4th

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Scott & Jenny Mattern

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 am: Lillards

Nursery 11 am: Mattern/McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosbery

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

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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