

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 4, 2018

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”
Lamentations 3:22-23*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 9:7-11**

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

All: He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! - Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

*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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***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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.

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Sydne Margaret Putzler

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)

DOXOLOGY (ROMANS II)

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.
(Repeat)

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.)

Lamentations: A Liturgy of Grief
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
New Mercies – Lamentations 3:1–66 (ESV)

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath;
² he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light;
⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones;
⁸ though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer;
¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD."
²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever,
³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³ for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.
³⁸ Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come?
³⁹ Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?
⁴⁹ "My eyes will flow without ceasing, without respite,
⁵⁰ until the LORD from heaven looks down and sees;
⁵¹ my eyes cause me grief at the fate of all the daughters of my city.
⁵⁵ "I called on your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit;
⁵⁶ you heard my plea, 'Do not close your ear to my cry for help!'
⁵⁷ You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear!'
⁵⁸ "You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life.

Sermon Outline

I. Bearing Affliction

II. Renewed Mercy

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. Chapter 4 is the central poem and it demonstrates a far greater hope than the four other poems. Why do you think it is in the center and not at the end of the book?
2. Consider: "He does not hope for something; rather, he hopes in someone. He does not set any agenda for God; rather, he turns toward God alone and he waits." D. Bergant. Why is this a crucial step in bearing afflictions? What is the challenge for you in this?
3. How does Isaiah 53 relate Jesus to our own sufferings? What is so amazing about this for you personally?
4. Verse 32 and Joel 2:13 have a similar wording. The prophetic messages of the Bible often tie together. What does this tell us about the overall message of Scripture? How does this give us confidence when we are going through trials?
5. How is a lament a balm for a wounded heart? How do we help others who are struggling in a helpful way?

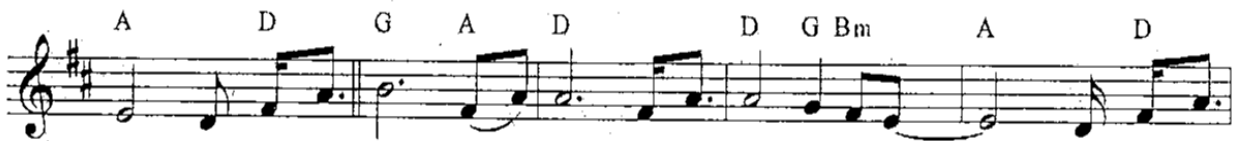
***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**



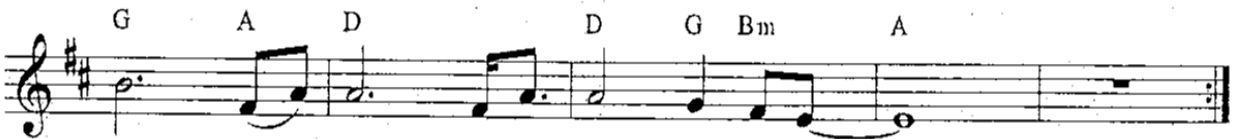
1. Flesh will fail — and bones will break; thieves will steal, — the earth will
 2. Put no trust — in the earth, in the sod — you stand up
 3. Of - fer up — your shoes and shirt; turn your cheek! — turn your



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! —

**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.

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

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Chorus)

***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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, Pastor Ed Koteskey

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg who work with Red Island Restoration and World Venture in Madagascar

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING AHEAD MARCH 11! Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday morning, March 11.

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 today 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.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Friday, March 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.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$63,675.08 ; Offerings received = \$66,129.24

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: March Deacon - Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday - March 11th

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Scott & Jenny Mattern

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 am: Saldamando/Gomez

Nursery 11 am: Clarks

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Mark Rice

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