

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 22, 2018

*“No one can serve two masters,
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and money.”*

Matthew 6:24

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.*

*The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience.

The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc.

The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 147, Revelation 4**

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE! - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,
Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson

1. Who else commands _____ all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?

Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him

	1.	2, 3, 4.
trem - bles	On - ly a Ho - ly God.	Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
just - ice?	On - ly a Ho - ly God.	
feat - ed/	On - ly a Ho - ly God.	
Fa - ther?	On - ly a Ho - ly God.	
	5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)	

On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly

To Verse

God.

chorus repeated at the end

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*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)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

All: O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love. O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord, and our God. Amen. (*William Temple, 1910*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

*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.

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

***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.)

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)

DOXOLOGY (ROMANS 11)

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)

Guest Speaker: Trent Neumann
The Imperative Choice - Matthew 6:19-34 (ESV)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Sermon Outline

I. The tension and the choice

Sermon Outline, continued

II. Beginning, Middle and End

III. Divorce of belief and living

Sermon Questions

1. Tim Keller quotes Alexis de Toqueville, saying: “there is a strange melancholy that haunts the American inhabitants ... in the midst of abundance.” What are some of the characteristics of this “strange melancholy”?
2. There is a difference between sorrow and despair. What are the differences between these two states of mind? How can we discern which state of mind we are in?
3. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says: “Hoarding is idolatry”. How do we draw the line between legitimate use and unlawful accumulation?
4. How does our philosophy of life directly influence our specific views on money and worry?
5. What are some of the ways we say we believe certain things but our actions or motives show something entirely different?
6. Consider the following statements: Love of money and anxiety are bedfellows. Anxiety is connected to trust. Trust is connected to value. Value shows priority.

God Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

***AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

*My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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.

***AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN** - Hymn #455 vs 1, 3-5

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain! For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me?

(Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**God
Commissions
Us**

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

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: Rocky Mountain Community Church, Billings, PCA, Pastors Jason Barrie and Rolf Meintjes

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

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from modern life and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship.

SPACE PROBE VBS JUNE 25-28: Coming this summer! Space Probe: A Faith-Fueling Odyssey for children age four through students entering 6th grade the evenings of Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28! Please prayerfully consider serving the children in our church and community through one of the following roles: teacher, song leader, dinner and snack team, registration, recreation, nursery, sound and crafts. Please contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) or the church office by April 30 to join the team, and thanks to those who have already volunteered!

LADIES' TROPICAL TEA: We invite you to a tropical escape for the women and girls of Faith Covenant Sunday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Join us for island inspired treats and colorful décor with our speaker Kelly Swenson. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Men are invited for prayer and breakfast together in the fellowship hall for the five Wednesdays in May at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Sign up in the foyer or contact Tom Jentz with questions (755-2029).

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Sign up in the foyer for Just Looking Class on Sundays after second service starting May 13 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

SERVING: April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Greg & Heliana Embry

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 am: Petersen/Goodell

Nursery 11 am: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Maryann Wilkerson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday - April 29th

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Nursery 8:15 am: Sharon Thompson

Nursery 11 am: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/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

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