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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 29, 2018*

*“That evening at sundown they brought to him  
all who were sick or oppressed by demons.  
And the whole city was gathered together at the door.”  
Mark 1:32-33*

## 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: Isaiah 12:2-6**

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **\*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!*

*continued above*

**\*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**

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*OH WHY SO HEAVY OH MY SOUL**

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed  
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

*(Chorus)*

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise  
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem  
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?*

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Matthew 22:36-40*

'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

# WE HAVE NOT LOVED THEE WITH A PURE HEART

Rebekah Marsh (words adapted from Book of Common Prayer)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. 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 humbly with God. So, Have mercy Have mercy Jesus Have mercy Have mercy on us." The chords are: Dm, Bb, F, Dm, Bb, F, Dm, Bb, F, Gm, Am, Bb, F, Dm, Bb, F, Gm, Am, Bb.

## 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.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**\*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - Hymn #307**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(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)*

### ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.  
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.  
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

*(Chorus)*

*O for grace to trust Him more!*

### 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.)

*Series on Mark: Who is this Jesus?*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A Day In the Life - Mark 1:29-34 (ESV)*

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

### Sermon Outline

I. An Average Day for an Extraordinary Man

II. The Messianic Secret



## Sermon Questions

1. Why might Mark have included this personal story given that there were more spectacular healing accounts to draw from?
2. Why would the crowds have waited until sunset to come to Jesus? What about Jesus' exorcism and healing on the Sabbath tell us about his ministry? How do we avoid an "American" interpretation of healing on the Sabbath?
3. What does the "messianic secret" refer to? How does this tie in with the Servant message of Isaiah? Why does this 'secret' cease once Jesus comes to Jerusalem for his final week?
4. Consider: "Given the foundational significance of the *shema* (Deut. 6:4) and monotheism in Judaism, it is scarcely conceivable that Jews who believed Jesus to be the Messiah would have fabricated his divine Sonship." —Robert Stein.
5. When Jesus showed up, the world was forced to take notice. How is that seen still by us today these many years later?

**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.

**\*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*

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

**\*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** - Hymn #521

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

*(Chorus)*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*(Chorus)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

*(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

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For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Grace Church, Kalispell,  
Pastors Chris Miller and Matt Schvaneveldt

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

**SPACE PROBE VBS JUNE 25-28:** Our VBS for ages 4 to those starting 6th grade  
will be the evenings of Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28! 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!

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:** This week, May 2, the senior youth group will meet at  
the fairgrounds for the Stillwater Christian School Russell Wilson special event.  
Contact Trent Neumann with questions (212-7625).

**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 PCA? Sign up in the foyer for Just Looking Class on  
Sundays after second service starting May 13 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

**NIN PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Neighbors In Need invites you for prayer and breakfast  
Thursday, May 3, at 7-8 a.m. at the Gateway Community Center. **We need 3 volun-**  
**teers to contribute breakfast casseroles.** Contact Sharon Salyer to help (212-1758).

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are  
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, May 10, at Central  
Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Brian & Kristin Bay  
Children's Church: Becky Neumann  
Nursery 8:15 am: Sharon Thompson  
Nursery 11 am: Wrights  
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - May 6th**

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Nick & Hanni Hanson  
Children's Church: Becky Neumann  
Nursery 8:15 am: Julie Thompson  
Nursery 11 am: Ockert/Putzler  
Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Yvonne Hernandez  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner/Benni Tulloch

**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