

FAITH   
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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*June 3, 2018*

*“And the servant said to the older brother,  
‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf,  
because he has received him back safe and sound.’  
But he was angry and refused to go in.”  
Luke 15:27-28*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise,  
O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the  
LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the  
LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is  
pleasant!

### **\*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

**\*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

*\*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.

**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.

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

**All:** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (*1 Corinthians 6:9-10*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 6:11*

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### \*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

### 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)*

### **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.)

## THY WILL BE DONE

My God and Father! while I stray,  
Far from my home in life's rough way,  
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If Thou shouldst call me to resign,  
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine.  
I only yield Thee what was Thine;  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If but my fainting heart be blest,  
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,  
My God! To Thee I leave the rest,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Renew my will from day to day,  
Blend it with Thine, and take away,  
All now that makes it hard to say,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Then when on earth I breathe no more,  
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,  
I'll sing upon a happier shore,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!" (2x)

*Sermon Series: Changing the Narrative*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Locked In Our Twisted Story - Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)*

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them ...

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, ... <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him ... <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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Sermon Outline

I. A Fractured Story

II. Stepping into the Gospel Narrative



## Sermon Questions

1. While we must be careful not to over-psychologize a parable, there are many things that we can draw clear inferences from. Jesus tells this story because it is a picture of how the religious leaders and many of the other Jews viewed Jesus. How is it possible they viewed Jesus as an evil man, in league with the Devil and a blasphemer? What prevents them from rejoicing in the good Jesus is doing?
2. What does the older brother have to tell himself about his father in order to justify his actions? What does he have to tell himself about his younger brother to justify his actions? Is there a kernel of truth in these inner narratives that gets twisted?
3. How would you help someone who has truly been on the receiving end of abuse to change their inner dialogue about themselves? How does the gospel give us a new identity? How do you persevere with someone who struggles to receive this? (1 Thes 5:14-15)
4. Consider: "Realize it or not, you live your life according to some narrative, some story you've constructed about the world and your life. You don't necessarily choose the one that's true, just the one you like." —Pastor Jeff Hamling. Where have you done this in your own life?
5. Consider: "One of the main factors that hides or own self-centeredness from us is our own history of mistreatment ...When you begin to talk to wounded people, it is not long before they begin talking about themselves. They are so engrossed in their own pain and problems that they don't realize what they look like to others. They are not sensitive to the needs of others. They don't pick up the cues of those who are hurting, or if they do, they only do so in a self-involved way." [Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*] In what way have you allowed your own self-centeredness to keep you from walking in the newness of life Jesus brings us?

## 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 YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

**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.*

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Salvation Army, Major Steven Svenson  
**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Jim & Jill Hadlock serving with CRU in Florida on the Jesus Film Project for southern and eastern Africa.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Join the men of Faith Covenant for a one-day retreat Saturday, June 9, at 9 am to 7 pm at the Thompsons' home on Echo Lake. Sign up in the foyer!

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS:** VBS volunteers please plan to attend one of the following meetings after second service on Sunday, June 3, or Sunday, June 10, to pick up curriculum, schedule and general info. Please call Kate Anderson (270-7836) with questions.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come and meet FCC moms of all ages for help, encouragement and other resources on Wednesday, June 6, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's (231 Northland Dr., Kal.). Call Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758). Childcare provided if needed.

**BABY SHOWER:** Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Annie Lillard and baby Cora Sunday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at Hanni Hanson's home (107 Browns Rd. Kal.). If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kristin in the office by June 10 (752-2400).

**LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Ladies are invited to our summer book club Wednesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss the first four chapters of "Liturgy of the Ordinary". For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

—SPACE PROBE VBS: Register now for this summer's VBS program!—

Monday-Thursday, June 25-28, at 6-8:30 p.m. For kids age 4 to entering 6th grade.

Go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com) to register online or register in the foyer.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, June 14, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**REFUGE KIDS VOLUNTEERS:** Refuge Ministries is in a need of a few more volunteers for Refuge Kids. No special training required, just help caring for the children of Refuge clients during their group meeting. Contact the office if interested.

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**SERVING:** June Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Nursery 8:15 am: Lillards

Nursery 11 am: Matterns/McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday - June 10th**

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner

Nursery 8:15 am: Saldamando/Gomez

Nursery 11 am: Clarks

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Theresa Paolini

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays

**Young Adult College/Career Group**

Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm

(Dinner & Study @ Andersons')

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