

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 8, 2018

*“Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.”
Proverbs 19:11*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:1-4**

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

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

***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!

*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(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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***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

**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 5:13-15*

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*adapted from Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, 1542*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - 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)

BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Wisdom to Overlook an Offense

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Proverbs 17:9

Whoever covers an offense seeks love,
but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 12:16

The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

Proverbs 17:14

The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.

Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger pacifies contention.

Sermon Outline

- I. Growing where it hurts

Sermon Outline, continued

II. Getting confrontation right

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. When we ask for patience, we are really asking for occasions to exercise our self-control. Patience is not a substance, but an action. Why is this important to keep in mind? What are the consequences of not understanding this?
2. The Bible does not require us to confront someone every time they have offended us. Overlooking an offense is often the better route. What are some guidelines for knowing when we should or shouldn't pursue confrontation?
3. Consider: "Too often love sits at the door of our lips, instead of finding a home in our hearts; forgetting that the exhortation is not, that we should talk of love, but that we should 'walk in it,' not stepping over it, crossing it, walking by the side, but 'in it.'"—Charles Bridges, 1846. Where has this been a challenge to you recently? In what way do you think the Lord would have you respond?
4. Consider: "Ironically, it is when we seek to protect our honor or status by quarreling that we stand to lose it the most."—Paul Koptak. Have you seen times where your quarreling has done this to you? What is the right response to this?
5. Consider: "When we are overlooking the wrongs others commit against us, we are imitating God's extraordinary forgiveness toward us." —Ken Sande. How does your love for Jesus and what he has done for you fuel your own ability to extend mercy to others?

***FORGIVEN**



1. Lord, for - give us for__ our pride __ when our faith be - comes _ a show, _ dressed in
 (2. Lord, for) - give us for__ our love __ of the things we wish __ to own. __ We for -
 (3. Lord, for) - give us for__ our shame _ when we can't re - lease __ the past, __ when we're

3 Am F G Am



right-ous deeds _ to hide __ all the stains __ be-low. _ We have judged Your sons _ and daugh - ters for the
 -sake the feast __ a - bove __ for all the crumbs _ be-low. _ Though You've made us sons _ and daugh - ters, we do
 quick to take __ the blame, _ but for - get we're free __ at last. _ We a - void Your sons _ and daugh - ters, for the

6 C/E F Dm C/E G C



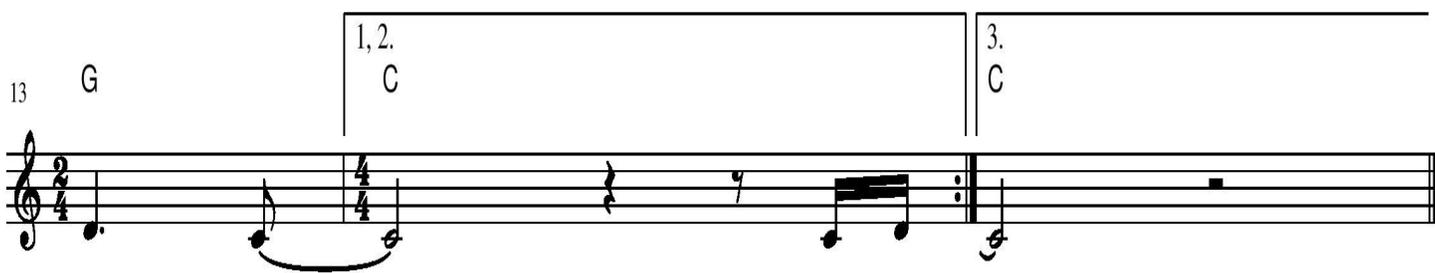
sin that is __ our own. _ May we now for-give__ each oth - er __ and lay __ down our stones. __ For -
 not the world _ dis-own. _ May we find our great - est treas - ure _ is in __ You a - lone. __
 fear we don't _ be-long. _ Give us eyes to see __ each oth - er __through Your _ on - ly Son. __

CHORUS

10 G Am G/B C Am G/B C F



-giv - en, __ for - giv - en. __ Through the blood of Christ, we are for -



-giv - en. _____
 2. Lord, for -
 3. Lord, for -

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

*CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Christ alone, Cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love;
through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh may I then in him be found,

dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

*BENEDICTION

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

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.

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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Gideons

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for our member family finishing up their support raising and moving to the Middle East this fall to help plant churches.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our summer book club

Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss **chapters 5-8** of "Liturgy of the Ordinary". For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

SAVE THE DATE! FCC CHURCH CAMP: Plan on joining us September 21-23 at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat (Easthaven's camp facility) for camp with your church family! Watch for registration details later this summer.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this Thursday, July 12, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, July 15**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

FCC MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES:

There are many opportunities to serve at Faith Covenant both in the church and out in the community. Contact the following leaders about their ministry.

Children's Church:	Office (752-2400)
Feed the Flathead:	Dawn Tinkham (208-640-6060)
Fellowship:	Sue Richardson (253-2680)
Meals Ministry:	Jenny Heyboer (249-7678)
Missions:	Tim Anderson (270-4951)
Nursery:	Sara Motley (249-7513)
Refuge Ministries:	Sissy Hashley (890-2168)
Women's Ministry:	Kristin Bay (249-2411)
Senior Youth Group:	Trent Neumann (212-7625)
Junior High Youth Group:	Sean & Lisa Iddings (871-5157)

SERVING: July Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rod & Maryann Wilkerson/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer (vol. 3 #7)

Early Nursery: C. Hanson

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Julie Thompson & Jennifer Hargett

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - July 15th

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Mattern Family

Children's Church: Becky Neumann (vol. 3 #8)

Early Nursery: Salmela & Bennett

Late Nursery: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Gloria Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Yvonne Hernandez

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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