

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 9, 2018

*“I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.
“You shall have no other gods before me.””
Exodus 20:2-3*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99:1-5**

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

***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!

**Indicates when to stand.*

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*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

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.

***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 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

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**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.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior—Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:1-3*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atonement for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

***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.

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)

THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT

There is a land of pure delight, where saints, immortal reign.

Infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

(Chorus)

Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er.

Not Jordan's streams nor death's cold flood should fright us from this shore.

There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers:

Death, like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.

(Chorus)

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that rise,

And see the Canaan that we love with unclouded eyes!

(Chorus 2x)

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: The 10 Commandments
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
No Other Gods Before Me - Exodus 20:2-3 (ESV)

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

Sermon Outline

I. The Importance of the Ten Commandments

II. A Call to Forsake False Loves

Sermon Outline, *continued*

III. A Call to True Love

Sermon Questions

1. Westminster Shorter Catechism #46 Q. What is required in the first commandment? The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.
2. What does it mean to say the Ten Commandments are a summary of the law of God?
3. The Commandments are written in the form of a suzerainty covenant (suzerainty speaks to the relationship between a lord and his subjects). What are some implications of this?
4. Consider: "Indeed, it is not too much to say that the Ten Commandments serve as a definition of reality. In other words, people must live in obedience to them if they wish to adjust their lives to reality, if they wish to live according to the way things actually are. The first commandment reminds us at the outset that God defines reality because he made it; we do not." —Pastor Robert Rayburn. How does this confront our desire to be independent from authority and to define our own reality?
5. How is the first commandment an issue of the heart first and foremost? How is it a call to faithfulness in our love of God. How does this dovetail with Jesus statement of the greatest commandment?
6. In what way has consideration of the first commandment challenged you today?

**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.

***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.

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.

***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.

**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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: FVCC Intervarsity, a new campus ministry with new staff Daylor and Katie McFate

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Tim Bentson, PCA missionary with Mission to the World in Osaka, Japan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES will begin Sunday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. between the two worship services. The Adult Sunday School class will be "Shaping Your Heart" with Pastor Lloyd Pierson. Worship service times will change Sept. 9 to 8:15 and 11 a.m.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us for Vespers at a new day and time this year, the second Sunday of the month starting Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge with this brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP for 6, 7 and 8th graders starts Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the church with Sean and Lisa Iddings.

SMALL GROUPS: Coming to a location near you! As the season turns and the smoke clears look for coming opportunities to facilitate, host or join a small group near your or in an area of interest. Sign up in the foyer or contact James.Mileur@gmail.com for more information.

FALL WOMEN'S STUDIES: We have two new women's groups this fall - Calm My Anxious Heart with Gloria Johnson; and Living with So Much: Taming Our Distractions with Susie Sullivan. Check out the signups in the foyer for details. Elizabeth Women also meet at JoAnne Ross' home 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at noon. Bring a sack lunch.

FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat Friday-Sunday Sept. 21-23.! Register online at faithcov.com. Total cost is \$100/family, \$70/couple, \$40/individual.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$262,659.69 Offerings received = \$238,216.45

COMMUNITY KITCHEN FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Sept. 13, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: September Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bays
Children's Church: Becky Neumann
Early Nursery: Saldamandos/Gomez
Late Nursery: Clarks
Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Laura Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - September 16th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Children's Church: Becky Neumann
Early Nursery: Lillards
Late Nursery: Matterns/McManus
Fellowship Hosts: Sam Hudson & Jennifer Hargett
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Hanni Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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
Youth Groups
Sept.-May Wednesdays
Elizabeth Women Group
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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