

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 16, 2018

*“You shall not make for yourself a carved image,
or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”
Exodus 20:4*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***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

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PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY, *continued

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

***THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing Ruler of my heart, Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me
In death's dark veil I fear no ill, with Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah, Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise, within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

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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***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

***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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy
(Repeat 2x)

Lord help my unbelief
Lord help my unbelief
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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.

***O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS - Hymn #535**

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love -
leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - 'tis heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

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)

HOUSE OF GOD (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast

In the presence of enemies

Surely goodness will follow me, follow me

In the house of God forever

(repeat)

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.
How We Worship Matters - Exodus 20:4-6(ESV)

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Sermon Outline

I. Getting Worship Wrong — The Power of Idolatry

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Liking What God Likes? — The Power of the New Covenant

Sermon Questions

1. Westminster Shorter Catechism—Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word. —Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.
2. What is the difference between a righteous jealousy and an unrighteous jealousy? Why do you think God's jealousy is mentioned here in connection with idols? How does this relate to a covenant?
3. What is the "Regulative Principle" of worship in Reformed churches? How does it help us? What are some difficulties in application?
4. The pronouncement of judgement makes it clear that obedience and disobedience have far-reaching consequences for God's covenant people. For a culture like ours that is overly individualized, how does this pronouncement challenge our thinking?
5. The attitude that "God likes what I like," prevails all around us today. How are we to live and worship God according to what He likes? What might be some changes in your own life in light of this?
6. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. How does Jesus broaden our worship of God?

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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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: Great Plains Gathering, PCA Native American church plant Billings, Pastor Josh Charette

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

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 you 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. And Second Friday Empty Nesters meet for breakfast at 8:30; contact Barb Fenner for details (756-6345).

MEN'S FRATERNITY 33 SERIES starts in October. Volume 3: A Man & His Traps will start Wednesdays, Oct. 10, at 6 a.m. Volume 1: A Man & His Design will start Tuesdays, Oct. 9, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer for these weekly studies that help men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity in scripture. Contact Grady Bennett (314-4207) or Rik Goodell (890 1973) with questions.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CONCERT: You're invited to "An Enchanted Evening" Sunday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church. A free will offering will benefit NIN (created by a coalition of local churches including Faith Covenant) that provided basic needs for more than 1000 individuals in 2017.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the office at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: September Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Lancasters
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

Next Sunday - September 23rd

Ushers: Gary & Barb Fenner/Jim & Arline Tinkham
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer
Early Nursery: Paolini
Late Nursery: Brown/E. Hanson
Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Cathy Hanson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Yvonne Hernandez

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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