

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*March 15, 2020*

*“And Amaziah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord,  
yet not with a whole heart.”  
2 Chronicles 25:2*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:7-10**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the  
King of glory!**

### **\*HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

*(Chorus)*

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*(Chorus)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

*(Chorus)*

*continued above*

**\*HOW GREAT THOU ART, *continued***

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art  
*(Chorus)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

**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.

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## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 5:3-6*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

### 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.

### HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me  
Have mercy on me  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

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

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:8-10*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**\*COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Apostle's Creed**

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

**\*BEFORE THE THRONE ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.  
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## TRINITY SONG

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit  
Holy communion. Three in One (2x)

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in Holy love (2x)

*(Repeat as a round women first)*

## **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 Throne of David — 2 Chronicles*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Amaziah the Also-ran — 2 Chronicles 25 (ESV)*

Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not with a whole heart. <sup>3</sup> And as soon as the royal power was firmly his, he killed his servants who had struck down the king his father. <sup>4</sup> But he did not put their children to death, according to what is written in the Law, in the Book of Moses, where the Lord commanded, “Fathers shall not die because of their children, nor children die because of their fathers, but each one shall die for his own sin.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Amaziah assembled the men of Judah and ... he mustered those twenty years old and upward ... fit for war ... <sup>6</sup> He hired ... mighty men of valor from Israel ... <sup>7</sup> But a man of God came to him and said, “O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the Lord is not with Israel, with all these Ephraimites. <sup>8</sup> But go, act, be strong for the battle. Why should you suppose that God will cast you down before the enemy? For God has power to help or to cast down.” <sup>9</sup> And Amaziah said to the man of God, “But what shall we do about the hundred talents that I have given to the army of Israel?” The man of God answered, “The Lord is able to give you much more than this.” <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah discharged the army that had come to him from Ephraim to go home again. And they became very angry with Judah and returned home in fierce anger.

<sup>14</sup> After Amaziah came from striking down the Edomites, he brought the gods of the men of Seir and set them up as his gods and worshiped them, making offerings to them. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Lord was angry with Amaziah and sent to him a prophet, who said to him, “Why have you sought the gods of a people who did not deliver their own people from your hand?” <sup>16</sup> But as he was speaking, the king said to him, “Have we made you a royal counselor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?” So the prophet stopped, but said, “I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel.”



## Sermon Outline

I. Humility — an okay start

II. Hubris — a terrible finish

### 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. The first of assessment of Amaziah is mediocre at best. Compare and contrast his two responses to the prophets sent to him. What might account for the difference?
2. A high place was a site used for religious purposes. It could be elevated location but not always. Sometimes Israel worshipped the Lord at these places, sometimes other gods. What made them such a problem for Israel? Why do you think it was so hard for people to want to remove them? Where do you see this struggle in your own life?
3. Consider: “Even when amends have been made, mistakes sometimes cast long shadows down the corridors of human life.” —L. Allen. This describes Amaziah’s botched attempt to hire Israelite mercenaries and its consequences. How have you seen this at work in your own life at times?
4. In what way is v-20 a sober reminder of God’s sovereign rule over his people? What does it mean that repentance is a gift and not an obligation of God (2 Tim 2:25)?
5. When we think of Jesus, the great king, we see that he goes the distance. “It is finished.” How does the gospel encourage us in a life of faithfulness?

### Children’s Question

*When we listen to the God’s Word, we listen to all of it and not just the parts we like.*

*Jesus asks us to obey his commandments. How does his love for you encourage you to obey even when you don’t really want to?*

**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.

## \*JESUS I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of myself to dwell in thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

*Jesus, I come to thee.*

## 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

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.

**\*RESCUER**

*(Chorus)*

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed  
For the good lord has come to seek and save

*(Chorus)*

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive  
For the good lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes, the good lord is the way, the truth and life

*(Chorus)*

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
For there is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary (2x)

*(Chorus)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), 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 MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Cornerstone Community Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Luke Knoll

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jim & Jill Hadlock in Florida with the Jesus  
Film Project, CRU.

**SPRING POTATO POTLUCK:** Join us for a potluck TODAY, after second service.  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST** meets Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. Join other men for full break-  
fast and a devotional with Pastor John.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encourage-  
ment Wednesday, March 18, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr.,  
Kalispell). Childcare available. This week they are talking about stretching your gro-  
cery dollars. Contact Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

**COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, March 18 (at Sack-  
etts'). Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951)  
with questions.

**FAMILY CAMP SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for **June 26-28** for camp  
with your Faith Covenant church family at Thompson Lake this year! Watch for  
registration later in the spring.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$88,121.77; Offerings received = \$91,455.15

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The annual 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion has  
started at All Families Healthcare in Whitefish. Faith Covenant has committed to  
praying on Friday, March 20. Participants must sign a statement of peace and  
place in box in the foyer when they sign up for a shift. Questions? Call Ken Miller  
(250-2383). Sidewalk 101 (details for those participating), parking map and signs  
are also available in the foyer.

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**SERVING:** March Deacon- Micah Hill

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Dallas & Leah Beaty/McManus Family  
Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Judy Peters & Lori George  
Early Nursery: Motley  
Late Nursery: Ockert/Putzler  
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Benni Tulloch

**Next Sunday March 22nd**

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Volunteers Needed  
Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Julie Thompson  
Early Nursery: H. Hanson  
Late Nursery: Mason  
Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Hanson & Audrey Goodell  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

**Worship Services**

Sundays  
8:15 & 11 am  
& 6:30 pm

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wed.

Jr High @ 6 pm

Sr. High @ 7:30 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

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