

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 19, 2020

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

Proverbs 1:7

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."

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER (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 All)

**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: *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)

*BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful (3x)

For they shall receive mercy, mercy
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us (3x)
Mercy

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.

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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 9:30 & 11 services (downstairs 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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
How Do I Know? — Proverbs 1:1-7 (ESV)

¹ The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
² To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight,
³ to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴ to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—⁵ Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶ to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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 Outline

- I. Skepticism and Folly
- II. The Certainty Trap
- III. To Know God is to be in Covenant with God

Sermon Questions

1. Why is skepticism a fool's errand? How do we avoid this pitfall?
2. How does knowing, fear, and anger all come in to play? What is the Christian response to this?
3. How does worship help us to make sense of the world around us?
4. When we seek to know something, it requires a certain amount of risk. We have to have "a passionate commitment to trust things we cannot fully justify at the time of our effort."—Esther Meek. We cannot have a knowledge of God without the risk of involvement of a relationship to our God. Have you struggled with this at times in your walk with the Lord?
5. How does knowing that we are known by God through His Son change everything for us? How does Jesus give us confidence to know the world around us?

Children's Question

I am called to trust the Lord even when it is hard. How does Jesus help me trust?

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*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.

*BENEDICTION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Church, Kalispell, Pastor Lance Dannic

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J&E, MTW missionaries to the Middle East

YOUTH GROUPS: Junior high youth group is invited for games & smores at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the Mellis' (35 Prosperity Lane, Many Lakes). High school will meet on July 29.

COLLEGE/CAREER GROUP will not meet July 22, but will resume the following Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersons' (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell).

SERVING: July Deacon— Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 9:30 Heyboers — 11 Micah Tinkham

Nursery: 9:30 Hunter/Haugestuen — 11 Olmsteds/K. Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday July 26th

Children's Church: 9:30 Pastor John — 11 Micah Tinkham

Nursery: 9:30 H. Hanson — 11 Buckners

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Arline Tinkham

Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

at 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the

Month June-Aug.

at 6:30 p.m.

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