

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 11, 2021

*“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.”
Hebrews 6:19*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:27-31; 21:13**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**All: For kingship belongs to the LORD and he rules over the
nations.**

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the
coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his right-
eousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

**All: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and
praise your power.**

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

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ONLY A HOLY GOD, *continued

Who else could rescue me from my failing

Who else would offer His only Son

Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God, only my Holy God

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

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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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: Our Lord and God, though we have been washed in the name of our Lord Jesus, we confess that we struggle to remain free from the stain of sin. We give in to the desires of our lusts; we see our many possessions and are greedy for more; our hearts are too often factories for idols. Forgive us our sins. Grant to us repentant hearts and wills that desire to strive for new and fresh obedience. May Jesus be glorified in our lives, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 20:6-7*

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**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.

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***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

INSTALLATION: PASTOR BEN MELLI

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. 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: Hebrews — Finish the Race

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Jesus: The Anchor of My Soul — Hebrews 6:13-20 (ESV)

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Sermon Outline

- I. Patience for the Promise
- II. An Anchored Hope

Sermon Questions

1. Why does the author talk about Abraham to strengthen their faith? Consider Paul’s reference to Abraham in Galatians 3:6-29 and Romans 4:1-16. What makes one a true child of Abraham?
2. Why might God bind himself to an oath to Abraham (Gen 22:16)? Does the oath happen before or after the trial? Why is that significant?
3. What are the two unchangeable things the author speaks of in v. 18? How is this a part of his argument?
4. If someone was thinking “Is maintaining my faith all up to me?”, how does this section answer that question? How is this a great encouragement for us?
5. What anchors our hope in God’s promises?

Children’s Question

An anchor keeps a boat from being blown away by a storm or strong current.

How is Jesus like an anchor for you in difficult times?

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.

*CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

Christ, the sure and steady anchor In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow, When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor; It shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure

*Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed*

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

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.

**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.

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Glacier Church, Kalispell, Pastor Joe Jordan
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: The E family ministering to the Turkish people of Central Asia
VESPERS: Join us TONIGHT, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.
LADIES' TEA: *Save the date* for the return of our annual ladies' tea on Sunday, May 2.

SERVING: April Deacon – Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 Sharon Salyer

Nursery: 11 Hunter/Orndorff

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday, April 18th

Children's Church: 11 Micah Tinkham

Nursery: 11 Wright

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Theresa Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Streaming 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9

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