

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 15, 2021

*“Oh that salvation would come out of Zion!
Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.”
Psalm 53:6*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:18-21**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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)

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)

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6:12-13*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door

Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak

From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile

Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state

Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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.

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can also be given online at faithcov.com)*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 10 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

(Chorus)

Forgiven, forgiven, through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

(Chorus)

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

(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: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor John Sackett
Hope for the Hopeless — Psalm 53 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David.

¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

²God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

³They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

⁴Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

⁵There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

⁶Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Sermon Outline

- I. The Fool Declares
- II. God Observes Hopeless Fools
- III. The Hope of the Humble

Sermon Questions?

1. Psalm 53 is a nearly identical to Psalm 14, what message here needs repeating?
2. All denying of reality is foolish. But the epitome of this, is the fool’s declaration, “There is no God.” Can we help these fools? How?
3. One of the consequences of foolish living (the denial of God) is captured in vs 5, “they are in great terror, where there is no terror.” How have you seen the godless experience this terror (which isn’t there)?”
4. J. A. Motyer declares, “[for the Christian] fear is always groundless.” Why ought this to be true? How can this truth help alleviate you from your fears?

Children’s Question

When was the last time you were afraid? What kept you from believing that God would care for you? How can God give His children courage?

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.

*ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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.

***TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS - Hymn #481**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

(Chorus)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion-
for more than conqu'rors we are!

(Chorus)

His Word shall not fail you— he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION** *(If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder will be up front after the service.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K family serving in the Middle East.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch TODAY at 11:30 with J & R serving in the Middle East.

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY meets next on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the church.

FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Register at faithcov.com for camp Friday-Sunday Sept. 3-5.

Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat!

SERVING: August Deacon – Ryan Petersen

Today, August 15th

Children's Church: Judy Peters Nursery: McManus & K. Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

Ushers: 8:15 Carrolls — 10 von Olhausens

Next Sunday, August 22nd

Children's Church: Terry Falk Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Kristin Bay & Hanni Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Arline Tinkham

Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons— 10 Davis

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916

College — Tim Anderson 270-4951

Career — Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

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