

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 8, 2022

*“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord
has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.”
1 Corinthians 7:17*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Micah 4:1-2; Psalm 86:9-10*

Leader: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

All: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

***ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS**

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

(Chorus)

And all will sing out hallelujah, and we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

(Chorus 2x)

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God (3x)

(Chorus 2x)

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 8:1**

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***REJOICE THE LORD IS KING - Hymn #310**

Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing and triumph evermore

(Chorus)

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above
(Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given
(Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit
And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet
(Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home
(Chorus)

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.

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**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursuing convenience and consumption.

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Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful thoughts and actions through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 30:1-5*

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

***I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)**

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

(Chorus)

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied*

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave
(Chorus)

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight (2x)*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 8:15 & 11 a.m. services (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

YOUR LOVE O LORD

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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: 1 Corinthians — Living in the Mess
Pastor John Sackett
Stay ... Unless ... Because — 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Sermon Outline

Thesis: Because God has changed our status, we must rest in His calling.

I. No need for change

II. Everything has changed

Sermon Questions

1. In verse 17 Paul remarks, that “this is my rule in all the churches”. How ought this to inform our theology of the church universal?
2. In verse 18, Paul essentially declares that “circumcision is nothing”. NT scholar Schreiner remarks, “This statement is nothing short of astonishing.” Why?
3. The overarching theme of this passage is seen in verses 17, 20 and 24. How does this also impact Paul’s discussions on marital status in verses 1-16 and 25-38?
4. NT Scholar Thiselton wonders “Do we consider future careers or jobs in terms of what God calls us to do for him, or in terms of what we think we shall find fulfilling and satisfying? What ought to be our answer to that question?”
5. How could resting in our changed “essential” relationship (with God), change our view of our other relationships and circumstances?
6. How much emotional energy do we waste on thinking “If only ...”? What’s a cure for this thinking?

Children’s Question

When I was young and complaining, my father would tell me the same thing his father told him, “work will win when wishing won’t”. How can that help me keep from complaining; and more importantly, why am I complaining if Jesus has already finished the “real work”?

**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.

***EVEN SO COME**

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*So we wait, we wait for you
God we wait; you're coming soon
(Chorus 2x)*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance below)*

**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.

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Tom Jentz — 11 Elder Tim Elder

*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

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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown

Elders: Tim Anderson, 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

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studios—John & Sam Hudson, Garrett & Sarah Morrison

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

BABY GIFT BASKET: Women's Ministries is initiating a new tradition and gathering a gift basket to celebrate the arrival of Paul & Alyssa Hobus' baby boy, Liam. If you would like to contribute, bring gifts to the church office by Sunday, May 8.

LADIES' TEA - CRAZY HATS & CREATIVE HANDIWORK will be Sunday, May 15, following the second service. Find your favorite hat & bring your best tea cup and join us in the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship. Sign up in the foyer.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 15.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday–Thursday, May 16-19, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

OFFERING UPDATE: Targeted Budget = \$189,912; Offerings received = \$200,847

HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER: Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

SERVING: May Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Terry Falk

Nursery: Woods & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeannie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday May 15th

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Traci & Ruby Carroll/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Orndorff & McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Arline Tinkham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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