

FAITH   
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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*July 31, 2022*

*“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.”  
1 Corinthians 13:13*

## 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."

### **\*PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53 vs. 1-2, 4-5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us  
When Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against  
*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)*

**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:** *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)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### 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.

**\*HIS MERCY IS MORE**

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(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.)

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

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

## THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*(Chorus)*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.

*(Chorus)*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians—Living in the Mess*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Love: A More Excellent Way — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### Sermon Outline

#### I. The Nature of Love

#### II. The Permanence of Love

## Questions for Further Reflection

1. What does it mean to say that love is not a gift but a way of life?
2. How does Paul's description of love counter the different problems in the church at Corinth? Why is it important for these descriptions to define the content of our love?
3. How does what Paul is saying here line up with what Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23? What role does love have in assessing our hearts?
4. By themselves, spiritual gifts say nothing positive about our spiritual condition unless love is present in them. Giftedness and godliness are not the same thing. Why should this thought constantly drive us to God's grace?
5. All gifts have limits, but love does not. How is that an encouragement to each of us to be more Christlike? What does it mean for us to pursue love?

## Children's Question

*No matter who we are, we can grow in our love for God and love for each other.  
What are challenges for you in loving others?*

**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.

**\*BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS - Hymn #359**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above

Before the Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear  
And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way  
While each in expectation lives and longs to see the day

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity

**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)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*8:15 Pastor — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham*

**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.

**\*BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

*(Chorus)*

*Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away  
*(Chorus)*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*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**

*Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett*

*Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley 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*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Canvas Church, Kalispell, Pastor Kevin Geer
- MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** J & E, MTW church planting in the Middle East
- FAITH COVENANT CAMP:** Come celebrate summer with your church family at Thompson Lake camp Friday-Sunday, August 5-7. Spend the weekend or just come out for a day or for the Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. at camp. Register at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com) or contact the office for details (752-2400).
- SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER:** Please join us for our annual Songs & Supper Sunday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. in the church backyard (weather permitting). Our youth will lead singing with a BBQ together afterward. Please bring a side dish or salad and camp chairs or blankets. Burgers and dessert will be provided.
- FOSTER/ADOPTIVE CARE MINISTRY:** Faith Covenant Women's Ministry is in search of leadership for our ministry to those in our midst who are fostering and/or adopting children. If you have a heart to serve those who are serving precious children in our community, please contact Susan Sackett (307-287-5329). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity to care for those caring for children in great need.
- COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, August 11, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (406-471-0656).

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**SERVING:** July Deacon - Micah Hill**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Carrolls/A. Andersons  
Children's Church: Pastor Ben  
Nursery: K. Brown & Hernandez  
Fellowship Hosts: Janis Orndorff & Kim Hansen  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday August 7th**

Ushers: N. Hanson/  
Children's Church: Nicole Hill/Nicole Fisher  
Nursery: Lancasters  
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY****Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 &amp; 10 am

**Vespers**

8/11 @ 6:30 pm

**Evening Service**

7/24, 8/28 @ 6:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Youth Group variable for summer

Career Group 7 pm