

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 28, 2022

*“Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”
1 Corinthians 15:49*

**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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Sunday School*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

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***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

(Bridge 2x)

The Lord is our salvation (2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL: *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Leader: What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

All: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

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.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL**

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)

(Chorus)

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)*

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

(Chorus)

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

(Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians—Living in the Mess
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph. D.
Incorruptible!: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Sermon Outline

I. A New Body on the Way

II. Living a New Reality Now

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Why is Paul so insistent on a bodily resurrection from the dead? Why would some of the Corinthians be troubled by this?
2. Given how obsessed our culture is with our bodies, how does Paul's message here give us both a right perspective and a glorious hope?
3. In what way do we see Genesis 1-2 as the backdrop to what Paul is speaking of here?
4. In v.44, Paul makes a contrast that is not "physical" vs "spiritual", but rather "natural" vs "spiritual." Why is this so important to get right?
5. Consider: "The point is not to escape from earth and find oneself at last in heaven, but to let the present *heavenly* life change the present earthly reality." —Tom Wright. How can a "whisked-away to heaven" mentality keep us from engaging in the here and now?

Children's Question

When Jesus returns, we will be changed. We suffer and can be hurt now, but not when he comes back. How is that encouraging to you now?

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.

**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.

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unending, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

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)*

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 Matt Riley— 11 Elder Trent Neumann

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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.

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: Jenny Mattern, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Flathead Valley public and private schools and homeschoolers as they resume studies in the coming weeks

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J&K, MTW church planting in the Middle East

EVENING SERVICE: Due to our pastors' ongoing involvement with All Souls Missoula, we will be putting the evening service on hold for the next several months. The Vespers Service will continue to take place every 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school classes will resume for ages two to adults on September 11 at 10am, with worship services at 8:15am and 11am. The adult Sunday school will be on The Life and Writings of Augustine.

SEPTEMBER 4TH CHURCH LUNCHEON: You are invited to a luncheon after second service next Sunday to meet Calvin & Sherri Hill, who hosted the Faith Covenant youth during their July service project in Browning. This is a great informal opportunity to thank the Hills for their hospitality and gain insight on their ministry endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE—FALL WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES: Mark your calendars for the Ladies' fall potluck on Sunday, Sept. 18, after church, and Bible studies on Esther starting Wednesday, Sept. 21. Watch for details as it gets closer!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday Oct 2nd at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. Additional information can be found in Friday's email newsletter.

SERVING: August Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersen/Davis

Children's Church: Carrolls/T. Falk

Nursery: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Maryann Wilkerson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Jessica Brown

Next Sunday September 4th

Ushers: Stahlberg/Mattern

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Tim Anderson

Nursery: S. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Niam Moody

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 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

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