

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 4, 2022

*“O Death, where is your victory?
O Death, where is your sting?”
1 Corinthians 15:55*

**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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:1-4*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

***ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL** - *Hymn #1*

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice!

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever.

Amen.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us from the inside out.

(Adapted from Luke 11:37-52)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:12-13*

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

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.

***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!

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 x 2)

DIACONAL OFFERING:

This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home

*And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians—Living in the Mess
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph. D.
O Death: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.
⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”*

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sermon Outline

I. A Mystery

II. A Victory

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Paul repeats himself in verses 53 and 54. What problems in Corinth might account for this repetition?
2. Consider: “Christianity is not reconciliation with death...it is the revelation of life. Christ is this life. And only if Christ is life, is death what Christianity proclaims it to be, namely the enemy to be destroyed, and not a mystery to be explained.”—A. Schmemmann.
3. What does it mean to say “the power of sin is the law”? (see also Rom 5:20-21; 7:5-25; 8:1-3).
4. How does Christ’s resurrection declare that he is indeed God’s Son?

Children’s Question

Jesus has complete victory over sin and death. How does knowing this encourage you? Does this fully take away our grief when someone we know dies?

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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 Anderson

*THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace (2x)

(Chorus)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

(Chorus)

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going
in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, he is for you, he is for you

(Chorus)

Amen, amen, amen

*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: Whitefish Foursquare Church, Pastor Chris Martin

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim & Emily Herset, Young Life

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group resumes its regular schedule this Wednesday, Sept. 7. Middle school youth will meet at the church from 5-6:30 p.m. and high school will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

CHURCH LUNCHEON TODAY: You are invited to a luncheon after second service TODAY to meet Calvin & Sherri Hill and thank them for the hospitality they showed the Faith Covenant youth during their July service project in Browning.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this Thursday, Sept. 8, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (406-471-0656)

LADIES FALL POTLUCK: The ladies' fall potluck will be Sunday, Sept. 18 (see bulletin insert). Please join us! Sign-up to bring a dish to share on the clipboard in the foyer.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Begin Wednesday, Sept. 21, with studies on Esther at 9:30 a.m. (childcare workers still needed!) and 4:30 p.m. at the church and at 12:45 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (see sign ups for details). Sign up and pick up books in the foyer. Payment for the books (\$5 each) will be collected at each study. Contact Kristin Bay (406-249-2411) with questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday Oct. 2nd at 9:30 AM for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. Watch your Friday eNewsletter for short bios on each candidate.

SERVING: September Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Peters/Mattern

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Tim Anderson

Nursery: S. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Niam Moody

Next Sunday September 11th

Ushers: N. Hanson/Mattern

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Tim Anderson

Nursery: Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery/Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jeanie Brenneman

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

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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