

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 11, 2022

*“Now concerning the collection for the saints:
as I directed the churches of Galatia,
so you also are to do.”
1 Corinthians 16:1*

**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 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

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***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**

***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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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 pursue convenience and consumption.

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.

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.

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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 inclinations and practices 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: *1 John 2:1-2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atonement for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS:

*Kai Vanderark
Hudson Smith
Jack Cantrell
Colt Rigler
Lily Turner*

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)*

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

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 Lloyd Pierson, Ph. D.
Generous Living: 1 Corinthians 16:1-11

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ²On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. ⁵I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, ⁶and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. ¹⁰When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

Sermon Outline

I. Supporting the Works of Mercy

II. Supporting the Works of Ministry

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Paul has been raising money for needy Jewish Christians (cf. Acts 24:17; Rom 15:25-28; 2 Cor 8:9-15). Why is it important for these gentiles to contribute to the Jewish poor?
2. What does Paul mean by “as he may prosper” in v. 2?
3. What does Paul do to ensure that the giving of funds is aboveboard? How might that look for us in our day?
4. Sunday took on important worship significance for the early church. What accounts for this?
5. Paul’s expectation is that the Corinthians help support the ministry of the gospel. Why is that? How has the good news of Jesus transformed your generosity?

Children’s Question

*Our hearts should be generous toward the needs of others.
What might that look like in your life right now?*

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.

***TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE - Hymn #585**

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days; *let them flow in ceaseless praise*
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be *swift and beautiful for Thee*

Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be *filled with messages from Thee*
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use *ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose*

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own; *it shall be Thy royal throne*
Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be, *ever only all for Thee*

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)*

**The Lord's
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

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 Pastor— 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - *Hymn #94, vs 1-3, 6*

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to His foes.
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

*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: Alethia Christian Fellowship, Pastor Scott Keller

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school classes for all ages start back up today between the 8:15 and 11 a.m. worship services.

VESPERS: Join us TONIGHT for our Vespers service. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

LADIES FALL POTLUCK: The ladies' fall potluck will be Sunday, Sept. 18. 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: N. Hanson/Mattern

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Tim Anderson

Nursery: Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery/Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday September 18th

Ushers: N. Hanson/von Olhausen

Children's Church: Russells/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Kim von Olhausen & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Tronstad/Yvonne Hernandez

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 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