

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 25, 2022

*“Love is patient and kind.”
1 Corinthians 13:4a*

**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 68:32-35

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - *Hymn #660

O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

***I SHALL NOT WANT**

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
And from the fear of death and trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

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)*

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - *Hymn #648*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13—The Nature of Love
Pastor John Sackett
A Patient Love: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And 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. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Sermon Outline

I. God Demonstrates Patient Love

II. We are Called to Imitate Patient Love

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. The context in which Paul sets this listing, declaring the nature of love, is significant. Why is “love” so key to our witness? If anyone is watching you, will they see love?
2. The Greek word translated here as “patient” is a combination of two words “Long” and “Anger/Wrath”. How can this shape our understanding of what Paul is saying about love?
3. NT scholar F.W. Grosheide notes that Paul doesn’t speak of human beings and their love but rather love itself. He writes, “Perfect love is his subject and [it is love’s] qualities he depicts. This is love personified.” How then can we study perfect love?
4. Are any qualities of the nature of love inward facing? Is that significant?
5. NT Scholar Thiselton remarks, “Love waits patiently...because it recognizes that the right timing plays a huge part in securing the welfare of the other. Love does not blunder in.” How can this idea shape the way we love?

Children’s Question

How is being patient loving? Who is the most patient person you know?

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.

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

The Lord's Supper

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 Elder Tom Jentz— 11 Elder Tim Anderson

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.

***RESCUER**

(Chorus)

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer
We are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save
(Chorus)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life
(Chorus)

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
For there is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary (2x)
(Chorus)

***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: Calvary Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Nissen

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

NEW BABY BASKETS: Women's ministry is putting together gift baskets for Baby Lewis (Jost) & Baby Brooklynn (Neumann). If you would like to donate something, please label the item and drop it off at the church office by Wednesday, Sept. 28.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. Please see the Friday eNewsletter for more information.

LIFE CHAIN: Next Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2-3 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by Flathead ProLife and is an opportunity for all Christians to meet at the intersection of Hwy. 93 & Hwy. 2 in Kalispell (Main St. and Idaho) to pray for an end to legalized abortion, as well as that life will be held sacred from conception to natural death.

URGENT NEED: The deacons need your assistance in helping with a short-term urgent financial need within our church family. If you would like to assist with that need, please place your special offering in one of the small white envelopes located in the pew backs, and label it "Deacons".

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday eNewsletter, contact the church at office@faithcov.com.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who serve our children by teaching Sunday School, leading Children's Church or serving in the Nursery! We appreciate your diligence and all the effort you put in to helping our children grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ!

SERVING: September Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Stahlberg/von Olhausen

Children's Church: Russells/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Moody & Dawn McGarvey

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday October 2nd

Ushers: Peters/Lancaster

Children's Church: Russells/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Benni Tulloch

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

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