

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 2, 2022

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 113:1-3**

Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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***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)

***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.

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen.

(adapted from Psalm 5)

**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
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.

The first Sunday of every month is the Diaconal Offering. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

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)*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13—The Nature of Love
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Kindness of Love: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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. The Kindness of God

II. Reflected in God's People

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. A grammar lesson: the word “kind” here is actually a verb—to show kindness. What does making it a verb do differently than being a noun or an adjective?
2. Consider: “This word suggests the warm, generous welcome the Christian always gives his brothers...does his utmost to be thoughtful, helpful and kind, always in a pleasant way.” —C. Spicq How have you cultivated these attributes in your life?
3. Being “kind” is not about a personality trait. How does what Paul is saying here about kindness apply to every believer? How is this an action and not just a disposition?
4. Looking also at Ephesians 4:32, how does God’s kindness to you instruct and influence your kindness to others?
5. Consider: “Kindness recognizes that everyone carries a heavy load.” —C. Garland. What are some implications of this perspective?

Children’s Question

When you think of God being kind to you, what are some ways he does this? How can you show kindness to others?

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.

***O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO - Hymn #708**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

**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.

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

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.

***AMAZING GRACE (*My Chains Are Gone*)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

*My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

***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: 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: Hope Pregnancy Center

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle, serving in Berlin

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for TODAY, Oct. 2, immediately after the first service. We'll meet in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons.

LIFE CHAIN: TODAY, 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.

VESPERS: Join us next Sunday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.

UPCOMING MISSIONS MEAL: Come join us on Sunday, October 16, to share a meal of pizza & salad after the 2nd service and hear from the leaders of Trinity Center for World Mission, a Christian Ministry that works in Africa planting and running Biblical Interdenominational seminaries. Signup sheet in the foyer.

SAVE THE DATE: For our annual chili lunch and visit to the Fritz Corn Maze. Everyone is invited Sunday, Oct. 23, at 12:30 p.m. for a chili lunch at the church and corn maze fun (entry paid by the church). There will be a signup sheet in the foyer next Sunday.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday eNewsletter, drop a note by the church or email office@faithcov.com.

FCC YOUTUBE CHANNEL: If you find yourself wanting to watch one of the sermons again, simply search for "Faith Covenant PCA Kalispell" on YouTube and you'll find videos of our Sunday services.

SERVING: October Deacon - Ryan Petersen

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Peters/Lancaster

Children's Church: Russells/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday October 9th

Ushers: Peters/Lancaster

Children's Church: Jentz/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Carlynn Stahlberg

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Arline Tinkham

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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