

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 13, 2022

“Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.”

Song of Solomon 8:7a

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 47:1-4*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

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***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**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.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.
And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(Repeat all)

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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.

***FORGIVEN**

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

(Chorus)
Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

(Chorus)

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

(Chorus 2x)

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)*

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.

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13—The Nature of Love

Pastor John Sackett

Uplifted in Love: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a(ESV)

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. ⁸Love never ends.

Sermon Outline

Because God's love has covered our sin, we are enabled to forgive others their sins.

I. What God's love does: Covers and Protects

II. What God's love requires: A Gracious Support of Others

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Paul is the only NT author who uses the Greek word translated as “bears”. In other works, it is translated as “covers, protects, supports, wards off, holds back, resists; it can even mean “keep a secret” or “hold one’s confidence”. How does this variety of meaning help us understand love?
2. Four times in this verse the Greek word “panta” is used, which is generally translated as “All”. Does “All” here mean “without exception” or “without distinction”?
3. Is the expectation that love “believes all things” a call for Christians to be gullible? John Calvin notes “A Christian man will reckon it better to be imposed upon by his own kindness and easy temper, than to wrong his brother by an unfriendly suspicion.” How might Calvin’s idea help us understand this call?
4. A. Thiselton notes that “God’s love for the world never tires of support...it knows no constraint of context, time, or place...”. How does God’s love for us actually empower us in our love for one another? What practical actions ought we to engage in to improve our love?

Children’s Question

*When someone like your Mom or Dad tells you “I love You”, what do they mean?
How can your friends or family know you love them?*

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.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord
strengthens
and nourishes
our faith
through a sac-
ramental meal.

Through Je-
sus, commun-
ion 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.

***CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR**

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn

In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

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 Pastor— 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

*BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

*Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

(Chorus)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hands
(Chorus 2x)

*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

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Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Community Church, Pastor Luke Knoll

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pastors Aaron Scott and Jake Neufeld serving at Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION: Please drop off your shoeboxes on or under the foyer table TODAY.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us tonight at 6:30 for an evening service of prayer and song.

NEW BABY BASKET: Women's ministry is putting together a gift basket for Baby Mary Rose Cunningham. If you would like to donate something, please label the item and drop it off at the church office by Sunday, Nov. 20.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: Join us next Sunday evening, Nov. 20, for a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social. Sign up in the foyer to bring a pie to share.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: An offering will be taken at the Thanksgiving Service for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund to support PCA pastors, widows, and ministry staff. .

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the holidays on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier to transform our sanctuary for the season.

SAVE THE DATE—LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be Sunday, Dec. 4, after church in the fellowship hall. We will again be collecting gift cards for Refuge clients Christmas gifts. Cards from grocery stores, box stores, coffee shops, and gas stations in any amount are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office.

SERVING: November Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Sullivan/Bay

Children's Church: Nicole Hill/Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Streits & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson-Tronstad/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday November 20th

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Petersens/Terry Falk

Nursery: Orndorff & McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson-Tronstad & Susan Cox

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