

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 20, 2022

“Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.”

1 Corinthians 13:7-8a

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 47:6-8*

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

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***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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***PSALM 90 (SATISFY US WITH YOUR LOVE)**

You have been our dwelling place
O Everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

(Chorus)

*When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us

(Chorus)

(Bridge x2)

Teach us, Lord
To number our days on Earth
Give us more
Wisdom in the secret heart
As You displayed amazing grace
In Jesus Christ for us

(Chorus)

When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us

Satisfy us with Your love (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 1:8-10*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

Lord help my unbelief
Lord help my unbelief
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 6:37-39*

Jesus said: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

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.

***YOUR WILL BE DONE**

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done*

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)*

Offering:
Today is our annual offering to the PCA Relief Fund. Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information. Envelopes are in the pew backs & will also be available downstairs after this evening's Thanksgiving service.

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

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.

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 13—The Nature of Love

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Love That Goes the Distance: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a (ESV)

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. ⁸Love never ends.

Sermon Outline

Jesus calls us to go where we cannot follow on our own.

We must continue to draw into him to be led and transformed by his Spirit within us.

I. Exhausted

II. Extended

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Some understand Paul's language in verse 7 as encouraging passivity. How is loving others in the way Paul describes actually a great action?
2. Consider your online posts, forwards, retweets, and likes. How are they promoting love in our community? Do they make you move toward others or do they help you keep up walls against them? What might silence from you do for your heart?
3. Consider: "Love never tires of support, never loses faith, never exhausts hope, never gives up."—A. Thiselton. How does this type of love throw you back upon Christ Jesus?
4. Consider: "Like Christ on the cross, love endures scorn, failure, ingratitude. At the end shines out the light of Easter, for love never ends."—G. Deluz. Love overcomes the evil we find in others and in ourselves. What has been a personal challenge for you in loving others? How does the invincibility of God's love keep you from despair?

Children's Question

What do you do when you just don't want to love some people? How does Jesus change your heart to 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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all
times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy
Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Matt Riley— 11 Elder Trent Neumann

*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.

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: Samaritan House, Kalispell

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: Join us TONIGHT at 6pm for a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: A special offering will be taken during the services this morning and evening for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund to support PCA pastors, widows, and ministry staff. Please use the envelopes in the pew backs and/or make your check out to FCC and write "PCA Relief" on the memo line.

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.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & COOKIE EXCHANGE: 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. Sign-up in the foyer.

WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY: The women's prayer ministry, which seeks to provide prayer and a point of contact for all the women of Faith Covenant, is looking for some new members. You'll be assigned a small group of women from the church to pray for, along with guidance on *how* to pray for each one using Scripture as a guide. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Judy Fosbery @ (406) 755-2692 or Susan Sackett @ (307) 287-5329.

SERVING: November Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday November 27th

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Petersens/Terry Falk

Nursery: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Kamela Anderson & Patti Albert

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/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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