

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 5, 2023

When a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person realizes his guilt, he shall confess his sin that he has committed.

Numbers 5:6-7

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *1 Chronicles 16:12-23

Remember the wondrous works that the Lord our God has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered. He is the LORD our
God; his judgments are in all the earth. Sing to the LORD, all the
earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – *Hymn #164, v1-4&6

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*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 our sins
As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen
(Repeat All)

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen, amen

**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Titus 3:1-2*

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Holy and righteous Father, I confess that you alone are good. Forgive me, O Lord, for speaking evil against those you have placed in authority over me; while I may have shown outward obedience, my heart has often been in rebellion against them. I have not been ready for every good work, nor have I avoided quarrels, but at times I have even delighted in them. Forgive me for not being gentle and kind. Lord, I was once foolish, disobedient, led astray, a slave to various passions and pleasures, but because of Jesus I no longer have to live like that. Father, please make me more like him in every way.

(Adapted from Titus 3:1-3)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*GRACE

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

(Chorus)

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The price of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

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 WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

(Chorus 2x)

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

Sermon Series: Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Messy Lives Maintaining Order: Numbers 5

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead. ³You shall put out both male and female, putting them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell.” ⁴And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the Lord said to Moses, so the people of Israel did. ⁵And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁶“Speak to the people of Israel, When a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person realizes his guilt, ⁷he shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong.

I. Ceremonial Purity

II. Ethical Purity

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. How does the strict monotheism of the Bible remove the “realm of the demonic” as a main cause for social ills? How does emphasizing human responsibility highlight the problem of original sin?
2. Unlike other ancient purity laws, the Bible does not separate classes or races. Anyone can become defiled and anyone can easily become ceremonially clean. How does this speak to the inclusiveness of the God of Israel?
3. Numbers 5:11-32 deals with the law concerning the jealousy of a husband. How is this a protection of the woman? How is this “trial by ordeal” unlike others in the ancient world?
4. The opposite of holiness is impurity. “How can a holy God be present with a polluted people?” is a central question of the Bible that does not get resolved until the coming of Jesus. How does Jesus remove our impurity?

Children’s Question

How does Jesus clean a dirty heart? When we have sinned we can confess our sins and receive forgiveness because Jesus’s death has removed our sins.

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 endless 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
every power 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.

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Tom Jentz— 11 Elder Trent Neumann

*CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore! (3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Mt. Vernon, WA
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, serving in Guatemala

NEED HELP WITH HOME PROJECTS?: The youth group is looking for ways to minister to our church family throughout the year (snow removal, painting projects, lawn mowing, etc.) Please contact Pastor Ben Melli @ (406) 885-4916 if you or someone you know has a need.

NEW EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We are adding a new women's Bible study starting this Wednesday, Feb 8. We will meet at the church at 7pm every 2nd & 4th Wednesday to study Nancy Guthrie's *Even Better Than Eden*. Sign up in the foyer. Study materials will be provided at the first class (cost is \$10). Contact Kristin Bay (406-249-2411) with questions.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve on Thursday, Feb. 9, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (406-471-0656).

VESPERS: Will be next Sunday, Feb. 12. Come unplug and recharge at this evening service of prayer and song.

YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP: Will be held at Dickey Lake Bible Camp Feb. 17-19. Cost is \$70/student. Scholarships are available. Contact Ben Melli if you are in need of financial assistance for this event. Check your Friday eNewsletter or the church website for a link to register.

SERVING: February Deacon - Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Sullivans/Bays
Children's Church: H. Hanson/Micah Tinkham
Nursery: Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday February 12

Ushers: Sullivans/Bays
Children's Church: H. Hanson/Micah Tinkham
Nursery: Streits & A. Tinkham
Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer/Jeanie Haugestuen
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

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