

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 24, 2020

*“The LORD, the God of their fathers,
sent persistently to them by his messengers,
because he had compassion on his people
and on his dwelling place.”*

2 Chronicles 36:15

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Samuel 22:2-4

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

*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.

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)

Goodbye

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. *(adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate -1585)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

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DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON 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.

***JESUS IS MINE**

Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, His presence stills my soul,
He will sustain my hope; Jesus is mine.

(Chorus)

*Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains; Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, Praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

(Chorus 2x)

OFFERTORY *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)*

Sermon Series: The Throne of David—2 Chronicles

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

The Final Four — 2 Chronicles 36

¹¹ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. ¹² He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. ¹³ He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁴ All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

Sermon Outline

I. Fallen

II. Favored

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.

Sermon Questions

1. How do you see the fate of Judah represented in the last four kings? Was there another option at this point?
2. Why do you think that people often read the OT as an angry God punishing his people even though so much of the prophets are a cry for God's people to turn to the Lord? Does our experience of judgement cloud our view of the love behind that judgement?
3. Consider: "I believe that if a million chances were likely to do good, they would be given. But a [teacher] often knows, when [students] and parents do not, that it is really useless to send a [student] in for a certain examination again. Finality must come sometime, and it does not require a very robust faith to believe that omniscience knows when."—C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*
4. How is the Messiah going to have to be different than just another really good king? How is the "power game" going to have to be played differently for God's people?
5. Chronicles ends with the start of the book of Ezra. Where does Israel/Judah go from here? How might we be encouraged by the "slowness" of the gospel when we consider these events?

Children's Question

Getting in trouble does not seem very nice, but how do we see God's love for us when we are corrected for doing bad things?

*ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

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

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.

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.

***BE THOU MY VISION-** *Hymn #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Salvation Army

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studio, John & Sam Hudson

FAITH COVENANT CAMP DATE CHANGE: Please note our church family camp date is changed to August 21-23 at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$166,452; Offerings received = \$182,491

SERVING: May Deacon– Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!

The following ministries are not meeting in person until further notice:

Children's Church, Nursery, Fellowship, Sunday School.

Youth groups, College/Career & the Refuge continue to meet online.

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Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

11 am & 6:30 pm