

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 12, 2023

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

**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 16:23-27**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING**

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise

(Chorus)

*You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King*

(Chorus)

You're a good and gracious King

**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: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of our Redeemer – Jesus. (*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

***ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME - Hymn #499**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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)*

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

(Chorus)

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: Numbers: A Pilgrim People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Set Apart for Blessing: Numbers 6

v. 1-5 ¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, ³he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried. ⁴All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins. ⁵“All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.

v. 22-27 ²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

I. Setting myself apart for the Lord

II. The Lord blessing his people

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Why might someone make Nazirite vow? How might this help keep some from resentment for the limitation placed on them by tribe or gender?
2. What is significant about the three prohibitions of the Nazirite vow? How was it similar to the restrictions placed on the high priest?
3. What might explain why a congregational blessing is given in the singular and not the plural (the Lord bless “you” and “not you all”)?
4. Consider: “My God protect you, lest the very blessing you receive turn into a stumbling block.”—R. Naftali. How is it possible for God’s blessing to become a curse in someone’s life?
5. In what way do we see Jesus as the fulfillment of the intent of the Nazirite vow and of the benediction?

Children’s Question

*How can you respond to the Lord’s blessings in your life?
How does Jesus give you a special relationship with the Father?*

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.

***ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER - Hymn #562**

All to Jesus, I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

(Chorus)

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all*

All to Jesus, I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now

(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly thine
May the Holy Spirit fill me
May I know thy pow'r divine

(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power
Let thy blessing fall on me

(Chorus)

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)*

**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.

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 Elder Sean Iddings— 11 Elder Tim Anderson

*RESCUER

(Chorus)

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer
We are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save
(Chorus)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life
(Chorus)

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
For there is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary (2x)
(Chorus)

*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: Family Life Christian Church, Pastor Frank Mack

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, serving in Guatemala

VESPERS: Join us TONIGHT at 6:30pm for an 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.

MISSIONS MEAL: Join us next Sunday, Feb. 19, in the fellowship hall after the 2nd service for a missions meal. We will hear from 100 Fold Studio, an international, nonprofit architecture firm investing in developing communities through design. Sign up in the foyer.

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Our first shepherding group get-together is coming soon. If you are in the Central Kalispell group (led by Elder Trent Neumann and Deacon Kyle Hanson), you are invited to a potluck in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Feb. 26, after the 2nd service. More details to follow.

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.

SERVING: February Deacon - Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Sullivans/Bays

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Mattern

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday February 19

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Petersens/Z&M Falk

Nursery: Orndorff & McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Benni Tulloch

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