

OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

(Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD – Hymn #98; vs. 1,3

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held upstairs in the Balcony Room)*

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: "Conversations with God"

Sermon Title: *How Long, O Lord?*

Sermon Text: Psalm 13

***TRUST AND OBEY** – Hymn #672; vs. 1,2,5

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

– Elder Steve Johnson

***LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** – Hymn #263

***BENEDICTION**



Displaying God's Glory in a Community of Grace

August 8, 2010

*"But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation." Psalm 13:5*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel,
our father, forever and ever.

**All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the
power and the glory and the victory and the
majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in
the earth is yours.**

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are
exalted as head above all.

**All: Both riches and honor come from you, and
you rule over all. And now we thank you,
our God, and praise your glorious name.**

***JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME**

– Hymn #195

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING**

– words included

Come, people of the Risen King
who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him;
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

(Chorus)

*Rejoice, rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
and His mercies never cease;
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

(Chorus)

Come, young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing
shore to shore we hear them call;
the truth that cries through ev'ry age
our God is all in all.

(Chorus)

***BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**

– words included

Father in heaven, how we love you,
we lift your name in all the earth.
May your kingdom be established in our praises
as your people declare your mighty works.

(Chorus)

*Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who reigns forever more.
(Repeat all)*

who reigns forever more.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

***JESUS MESSIAH** – words included

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF: *Camilla Kay Olmsted*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Reverend James Maxwell.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

PCA missionaries Seth & Rachel Park are currently serving with an interdenominational mission called the Pioneers. They plan to travel to Turkey in September where they will help manage a counseling retreat center for other missionaries and Turkish pastors.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

- Infant Nursery is located upstairs in the church office building.
- The men’s restroom is no longer in service. Please use the restroom located at the back of the sanctuary.
- Access to the Fellowship Hall is now through the door to the north of the pulpit area or from the outside using the northeast doors.

IT’S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY Please

fill out the form in the bulletin even if your information has not changed since the directory was last printed...or fill in your name and indicate that the information has not changed. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included in the directory. If you would like to include children/family that do not live here but want to keep in touch, please use a SEPARATE form for them. **Forms are due in the office by Sunday, August 15.** You will be contacted (and scheduled) if your photo needs taken or updating.

PASTOR LLOYD AND HIS FAMILY are currently between homes. They plan to move into a different house in the middle of August in Kalispell. Until then, they are staying in Whitefish with Laura’s parents. Their evening contact number is 862-6835.

WE HAVE OPENINGS on our Worship Team for interested musicians or singers. Contact Joyce Schmautz at 756-6325 if you have any questions or to volunteer.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will periodically close early in the afternoons during the summer months. If you would need to come in in the afternoon, please call ahead to see if we will be open.

DID YOU KNOW? Sermons are available on CD or cassette tape by request. Fill out the card located in the pew racks and drop in the offering or turn into the church office. They can be picked up the following Sunday on the pew in the church foyer. Sermons and bulletins are also available online at www.faithcov.com.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK FOOD OF THE MONTH: Ramen noodles or lunch snacks may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Suite 2 in Kalispell, or left in the containers in the church Fellowship Hall.



AUGUST MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Shari Montague
 NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Shari Montague
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Shari at 249-6579.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS TBD
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH Tamie Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Brown/Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers) Uzzis
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..Tosha Krause & Paula Saldamando
 COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPSusie Steiner

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 15

USHERS/GREETERS TBD
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH Tamie Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Heitzmans
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3 yrs)..... Rileys
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.... Sara Motley & Sharon Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Kelly Swenson

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 Thursday – Church League Softball games at Conrad Complex, 6:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
 – Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
 Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
 1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
 1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
 3rd Tuesdays – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women’s group, 12:00 p.m. at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
 Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15 – Directory update forms due in the office
 Tuesday, August 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, August 29 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, September 7 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 12 – Fall Sunday School begins
 Tuesday, September 14– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, September 21– Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, September 26 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com. After hours contact Carlynn at home.

SERMON OUTLINE

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**TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.
How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me? ² How
long must I take counsel in my soul and have
sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall
my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider and
answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes,
lest I sleep the sleep of death, ⁴ lest my enemy say,
“I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice
because I am shaken. ⁵ But I have trusted in your
steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your
salvation. ⁶ I will sing to the LORD, because he
has dealt bountifully with me.**

I. Why are you taking your sweet time?

II. Why am I so worried?

Thoughts on Psalm 13 from Church History:

1. *How long, O Lord...do not think that forgetting is what we are experiencing, but abandonment.* –John Chrysostom– 4th century –Antioch
2. *How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? The enemy may be either the devil or sensual habits of life. Enlighten my eyes that I never sleep in death.* These eyes, we must realize, are the eyes of the heart; may they not be blinded by the death-dealing delight of sin. –St. Augustine– 4th/5th century –North Africa
3. At the end of the Psalm, David rejoiced at the absence of Him who was actually present. The inner man had already sighted the salvation of the God whom the outer man still longed to behold with the eyes of the body. –Cassiodorus– 5th century –Italy
4. Does not David here then, in the most plain words describe a most afflicting and bitter state and feeling of mind, when he expresses himself, as feeling that God is wholly turned away from him, become his adversary, implacable, inexorable, and eternally wroth with him? For in this state, hope despairs and despair hopes; and there is nothing remaining alive but that inward groan that cannot be uttered...No one can understand these things but he who has tasted them. –Martin Luther– 16th century; Henry Cole, Vol. 4 –Select Writings –Germany
5. To acknowledge in the midst of our afflictions that God has really a care about us, is not the usual way with men...but by faith we apprehend his invisible providence. The eyes of David’s mind, guided by faith, penetrated even to the grace of God ,although it was hidden in darkness. –John Calvin– 16th century –Switzerland
6. The dejected heart thinks: God has forgotten me for ever. But the spirit which thrusts away this thought, changes it into a question which sets upon the mark of a mere appearance not a reality. –Franz Delitzsch– 19th century –Germany
7. David’s heart was more often out of tune than his harp. He begins many of his psalms sighing, and ends them in singing. –Charles Spurgeon– 19th century –England