

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 27, 2018*



*“And when he came up out of the water,  
immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit  
descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”  
Mark 1:10-11*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*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.

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## \*OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

*(Chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

*(Chorus x2)*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

## \*TRINITARIAN CONFESSION

All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto all ages. Amen.

## 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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

## 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

### 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.

### **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.

### **Nicene Creed**

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

### **\*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed***

We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven:  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; the Lord, and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## \*WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

*(Chorus)*

*Because of His great love we are not overcome  
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

*(Chorus)*

Offer up your shoes and shirt  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke of love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

*(Chorus)*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

*11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son;  
praise Father and the Son,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*(Repeat All)*

## 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.)

*Sermon Series: Trinity Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Why Does It Matter? - Mark 1:9-13 (ESV)*

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

**Sermon Outline**

I. The God who has revealed himself

II. The God who has restored us



## Sermon Questions

1. Consider: Cornelius Plantinga: “The persons within God exalt each other, commune with each other, and defer to one another. ... Each divine person harbors the others at the center of his being. In constant movement of overture and acceptance, each person envelops and encircles the others. ... God’s interior life [therefore] overflows with regard for others.”
2. Consider C.S. Lewis: “In Christianity, God is not a static thing ... but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.”
3. Why is the Trinity so important to our faith? What has been the cost of getting it wrong?
4. The Holy Spirit brings us into a relationship of love with the Father and the Son. We are now a part of Christ’s body. How does that enable us to be an invitation for others to enter into the Church?

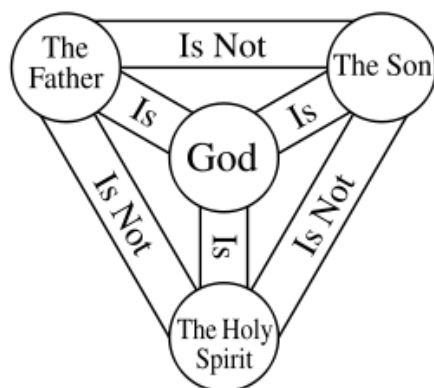
## Westminster Larger Catechism

Q8: Are there more Gods than one?

A: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q9: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A: There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.



## 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.

**God Communes  
with Us**

The Lord  
strengthens and  
nourishes our  
faith through a  
sacramental  
meal. Through  
Jesus, 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.

**\*GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Glory be to the Father, Amen.*

*Glory be to the Son, Amen.*

*Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.*

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;  
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Chorus 2x)

*Amen, Amen.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance on below)*

**Trinity Song - Special Music, lyrics printed for personal reflection**

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in Holy love.

*By Sandra McCracken*

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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

### \*PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,  
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,  
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;  
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!  
Your word my heart has welcomed home;  
now peace like water ever flows.

*(Chorus 2x)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!  
*(Chorus)*

the name above all other names.

### \*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.

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,  
Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,  
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** All Souls Missoula, PCA,  
Pastor Ryan Sutherland

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Tim Bentson, PCA MTW in Osaka, Japan, with Genesis  
International College

**SUMMER SERVICE TIMES:** Our worship service times will change starting Sunday, June 3.  
First service will still be 8:15 a.m. and second service will start at 10 a.m.

**COLLEGE/CAREER SUMMER STUDY** returns to the Andersons' for the summer beginning Wednesday, May 30. Dinner at 6:30 with study to follow. Bring a friend! (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell, 270-7836)

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Join the men of Faith Covenant for a one-day retreat Saturday, June 9, at 9 am to 7 pm at the Thompsons' home on Echo Lake. Sign up in the foyer!

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS:** VBS volunteers please plan to attend one of the following meetings after second service on Sunday, June 3, or Sunday, June 10. Volunteers will receive their curriculum material, weekly schedule, "Space Probe" t-shirts, and general information for our VBS week! Please call Kate Anderson (270-7836) with questions.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come and meet FCC moms of all ages for help, encouragement and other resources on Wednesday, June 6 at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's (231 Northland Dr., Kal.). Call Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758). Childcare provided if needed.

**BABY SHOWER:** Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Annie Lillard and baby Cora Sunday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at Hanni Hanson's home (107 Browns Rd. Kal.). If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kristin in the office by June 10 (752-2400).

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$159,187; Offerings received = \$143,493.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, June 14, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**REFUGE KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Looking for a way to serve the vulnerable? More weekly helpers are needed for the children of moms in the support group for survivors of domestic abuse. Contact Refuge Director Sissy Hashley for details (890-2168).

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**SERVING:** May Deacon - Kyle Hanson

### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

#### **Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 am: Motleys

Nursery 11 am: Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosbery

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman

#### **Next Sunday - June 3rd**

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Nursery 8:15 am: Lillards

Nursery 11 am: Matterns/McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Yvonne Hernandez

#### **Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

#### **Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

#### **Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

#### **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

#### **Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

#### **Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays

#### **Young Adult Group**

Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm