

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 15, 2019

*“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

Colossians 1:13-14

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME** – *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*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.

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

LORD HAVE MERCY



For what we have done and left un - done We fall on Your count less
For what You have done, Your life of love You per - fect - ly lived, we



mer - cies. For sins that are known, and those un - known, We call on Your name so
praise You. Though temp - ted and tried, You fixed Your eyes; You fi - nished the work God



ho - ly. For en - vy and pride For clo - sing our eyes; For scor - ning our ve - ry
gave You. And there on the tree A King a - mong thieves, You bled for a world's be -
* For hearts that are cold, For seiz - ing con - trol; For scor - ning our ve - ry



neigh - bor. In thought word and deed We've failed you our King. How dee - ply we need a
tray - al. You loved to the end Our mer - ci - ful friend; How pure and for - ev - er
Ma - ker In thought word and deed We've failed you, our King; How deep - ly we need a



Sa - vior. _____ Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy
faith - ful. _____
Sav - ior. _____



on - us. Lord have mercy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us.

Return to * after 2nd chorus

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS – Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be

(Chorus)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

(Chorus)

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

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

Colossians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Thanking God in Prayer — Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon Outline

I. Qualified by God

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Delivered by God

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.

Sermon Questions

1. In a religious Disneyland, how does Paul center the Colossians on their spirituality in Christ's work and not their pursuits?
2. What is the relationship between God's saving acts and our bearing fruit in righteousness? What happens if we get this wrong?
3. Consider: "Endurance is what faith, hope, and love bring to an apparently impossible situation. Patience is what we show to an apparently impossible person"— Norman Wright. How are endurance and patience different?
4. Read Exodus 6:6. How does the Exodus foreshadow the redemption of Christ? In what way has God taken us from enemy territory and given us a new home?
5. How is Christ's kingdom located in the Church? Why do modern Americans have such a hard time thinking of this?
6. According to David Garland, Paul prays regularly, with praise and thanksgiving, for others, and for their spiritual development. How are you challenged by this model of prayer? Which have been weaknesses you need to shore up?

Children's Question

God rescues us. We do not rescue ourselves. How does that fill your heart with joy?

**God Communes
with Us**

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

***WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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.

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)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*DOXOLOGY (ROMANS 11)

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.
(Repeat)

*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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), 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

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Pastor James Maxwell

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David & Ulrike Byle and their children serving in Germany with Operation Mobilization.

REGISTER TODAY! FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Register TODAY for camp with your Faith Covenant family Friday-Sunday Sept. 20-22. Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat! Registration forms in the foyer. Lodging includes bunk rooms, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$100/family, \$70/couple, \$40/individual.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men are invited Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. starting Sept. 18 for breakfast and fellowship at the church. Come any and every week your schedule allows until Men's Fraternity classes starts again the last week of October.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 25! Students grades 6 through 12 are invited to youth group Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at the church starting Sept. 25. Contact Pastor Ben for details (752-2400).

FALL WOMEN'S GROUPS: Ladies are invited to study the book 'Women of the Word' with Susie Sullivan on Wednesdays starting Sept. 18 at 9:30-11 at the church. Sign up in the foyer.

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Classes will be Sundays after second service starting Oct. 6 for four weeks. Lunch provided. Sign up in the foyer.

FALL SMALL GROUPS: If you are interested in joining, hosting or leading, (or learning more about) a small group, please sign up in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$313,826.54; Offerings received = \$310,472.45

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCH FUNDRAISER: Enjoy chili lunch and help families in our community at the annual NIN Chili Lunch Fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 4, at 11 am to 1:30 pm at Northridge Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10/lunch.

SERVING: September Deacon - Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rod & Maryann Wilkerson/James & Belinda Mileur

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Early Nursery: Hobus

Late Nursery: Ockert/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Becky Lund & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

Next Sunday September 22nd

Ushers: Rod & Maryann Wilkerson/James & Belinda Mileur

Children's Church: Julie Thompson

Early Nursery: Paolinis

Late Nursery: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Maryann Wilkerson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Staci Bennett

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 6 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Group Grades 6-12

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

Vespers

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

Elizabeth Women Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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