

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 12, 2020*



*“And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked,  
and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns.  
And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up  
as a burnt offering instead of his son.”*

*Genesis 22:13*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

### **\*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids His rise, alleluia  
Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia  
Once he died, our souls to save, alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, alleluia  
Made like Him like Him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies, alleluia

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**\*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)*

**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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## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

**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.

**All:** Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**\*COMMON CONFSSION 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.

**The Apostle's  
Creed**

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

## \*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

*(Chorus)*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

*(Chorus)*

*Praise forever to the King of Kings*

## OFFERTORY

*(Offerings can be mailed to the church office at  
611 Third Ave East, Kalispell MT 59901 or given online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com))*

*Sermon Series: Easter Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Jesus the Scapegoat — Luke 24:1-7 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

**Genesis 22:13**

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**Isaiah 53:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**John 8:34-36**

Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**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 Outline

### I. Born to Blame

### II. Reborn to Absolve

## Sermon Questions

1. On Genesis 22 and the sacrifice of Isaac, one commentator said: “The problem of this narrative is to hold together and embrace both the dark command of God and his high promise.” —Walter Brueggemann. How does Jesus connect all the dots?
2. From Genesis 22, we see God provide a means of atonement through sacrifice. Leviticus also affirms the transfer of blame (Lev 1:4, 4:5, Lev 16). The New Testament points us to Christ (Rm 8:32, 2 Cor 5:21, Gal 3:13, Heb 9:11-13, 1 Pt 3:18). How does the resurrection of Jesus apply these benefits to us?
3. Consider: “Stop praying, ‘Lord, I want you to make my life better.’ Stop praying, ‘Lord, I want you to make my husband or wife better. I want my children to behave. I want an ideal job.’ When you pray that way, you can only end up frustrated, because God will not subordinate himself to any human agenda. Start praying, ‘Lord, I just want you to be God to me. I want my life, with my problems, to show the world that you save sinners.’” —Ray Ortlund. How does a Christ-centered reality change the way we think and pray?
4. It is a part of fallen human nature to want to assign blame to others for the bad things that happen to us. How does the reality of the death and resurrection of Christ change that for us? Because Jesus is our ultimate scapegoat, how do we live differently in a world filled with blamers?

## Children’s Question

*Jesus takes all of our blame and removes it from us. How does this help you to not constantly try to find someone to blame for the wrong things that happen to you?*

**\*UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE** - *special music*

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

*Up from the grave he arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**\*IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

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

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Samaritan House, Kalispell

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Our missionary family serving with World-wide Evangelization for Christ in Central Asia.

**FAITH COVENANT ON FACEBOOK:** Be sure to 'like' and follow Faith Covenant on our Facebook page where we are streaming services. You can also listen to video devotionals from our pastors and get church announcements on the church website (faithcov.com) or Facebook.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please call or email the church office (752-2400 or office@faithcov.com), with changes to your contact information or questions about any areas of church life.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$127,287; Offerings received = \$129,029

## **EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS**

Yvonne Hernandez in memory of Odessa Elliott

Lloyd & Eileen Pierson in memory of their parents

Jeremy & Alicia Brown in memory of Kimble Jubilee Brown

Gloria Puckett in honor of her parents, children and pastors

The Hanson Family in memory of Dave Hanson & Kyle D. Hanson

Curt & Becky Lund in memory of Mary Ann Lund & Charlie Berry

Jevon & Rose Ann Clark in honor of Maxam, Fox, Clark & Rugg Families

Max & Debbie Corder in memory of Alex Corder, Clint Carper, Alma Corder & Charles Heath

*(Lilies will be delivered to your home Monday, April 13.)*

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**SERVING:** April Deacon- Mike Stahlberg

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

### Today

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!

The following ministries are closed until further notice:

Children's Church, Nursery, Fellowship, Sunday School

Refuge and Turning Point

Faith Covenant Church - 611 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901 - 406-752-2400 - www.faithcov.com

### **Worship Services**

Streaming Sundays

11 am & 6:30 pm