

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 25, 2020

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”
Romans 12:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 117**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations;

All: extol him, all you peoples

Leader: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the
Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord.

***A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

**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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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.

Nicene Creed

In the 4th 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, present, and future.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: My God and my Creator, I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice and other sinful affections. I repent of these things, am sorry for them, and ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 28:6-7*

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

***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 worshipped 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.

*JESUS IS MINE

Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless; Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, His presence stills my soul,
He will sustain my hope; Jesus is mine.

(Chorus)

*Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains;
Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, Praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

(Chorus 2x)

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 9:30 & 11 services (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

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:
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Sacrificing Church — Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sermon Outline

- I. A Living Sacrifice to the Lord

- II. Living Sacrificially to Others

Sermon Questions

1. To sacrifice is to give up or to offer something to another that has value to you. What are couple acts of sacrifice that you have witnessed by others?
2. A living sacrifice would have seemed strange to Paul's hearers who were used to seeing animal sacrifices. What is the challenge of being a living and continual sacrifice to God?
3. In 1 Cor. 6:7, Paul exhorts them to be willing to be wronged instead of going to court. This is an amazing act of sacrifice. How does this attitude challenge you in dealing with your own conflict?
4. Consider: "The only sacrifice that is acceptable to God is the sacrifice of ourselves; it is not so much that I offer a sacrifice, as that I am to be a sacrifice." —Christopher Ash. What does this mean in terms of sacrificing to others for the sake of the Lord?
5. We have been freed to surrender ourselves to the Lord and to others. How would you access your use of this gospel freedom in your life right now?

Children's Question

When we think we are right, it is very hard to give up that desire to be right for the sake of another. How does looking to Jesus show us what this looks like?

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.

*YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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

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.

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.

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Great Plains Gathering, Billings, Pastor Josh Charette
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Young Life, Tim & Emily Herset
REFUGE TRAINING: The Refuge is hosting a two-day training seminar at the church on Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, from 8:30 to 4. Contact Ben Melli for details.
BLACKFEET DONATIONS: Matt Riley is collecting supplies for Blackfeet childcare centers, (healthy snacks, games, puzzles, books). Bring items to church by Nov. 1. Contact Matt with questions (261-6554).

SERVING: October Deacon – Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11– Becky Neumann
Nursery: 9:30 A & Z Hanson — 11 Olmsted
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday November 1st

Children's Church: 11 Judy Peters
Nursery: 9:30 Bennett — 11 Falk
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm
Streaming 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9