

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 23, 2021



*“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2*

*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.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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*

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.

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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.

***AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN** - Hymn #455 vs 1, 3-5

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain! For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me?

(Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. 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: Hebrews — Finish the Race
Pastor John Sackett
An Invitation to Endure — Hebrews 12 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ... ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ...

¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Sermon Outline

I. Looking at yourself

II. Looking to God

III. Looking for others

Sermon Questions

1. Why is the picture of an athlete a good analogy for the Christian life?
2. What are the cultural pressures you feel with regards to disciplining your children? Hebrews tells us, “God is treating us like sons”, how is that a helpful truth?
3. How in your own life have you seen God’s discipline bear the “peaceful fruit of righteousness”? Why did our author use the descriptive “peaceful”?
4. This passage includes many calls to actions and commands. Consider listing them out and asking God what obedience in each of those areas would look like for you (and your family).

**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.

Children's Question

The Bible tells us that God disciplines us because He loves us. When your parents discipline you because you have done something wrong, do you ever think to thank them for loving you?

*YOUR WILL BE DONE

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done*

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

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.

**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 peo-
ple now extends
into our lives
throughout the
week. We are to
offer ourselves as
living sacrifices to
him in all areas
of our lives.

***WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long, Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Neighbors in Need

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studios nonprofit architecture firm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! See the bulletin insert listing their names. Join us for cake in the fellowship hall between services in their honor.

SUMMER WORSHIP: We will resume two worship services Sunday, June 6, at 8:15 and 10 a.m.

OLYMPIAN VBS 2021: We are excited to announce this summer's Olympic VBS for children ages four through starting 6th grade June 21-24 at 6-8 p.m. Watch for registration soon! Volunteers are still needed in several areas—contact Ben Melli (885-4916) or the church office.

SAVE THE DATE! FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Mark your calendar for camp with our church family Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5, at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat.

SERVING: May Deacon – Bruce Tulloch

Today, May 23

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk

Nursery: 11 Turners

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jessica Brown

Next Sunday, May 30

Children's Church: 11 Pastor John

Nursery: 11 Matterns

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

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

Wednesday Youth Groups

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

College/Career Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

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