

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 6, 2018*

*“Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out. ’And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. ”*

*Mark 1:38*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17*

Leader: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,  
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most  
High. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe  
greatness to our God!

### \*O WORSHIP THE KING - *Hymn #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## \*HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

We stand and lift up our hands,  
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship him now.

How great, how awesome is he.  
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.*

*The earth is filled with his glory.*

(Repeat all)

It's rising up, all around.  
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

It's rising up, all around  
it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

*The earth is filled with his glory.  
The earth is filled with his glory.*

### 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.

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

\*Indicates when to stand.

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\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Isaiah 12:2*

All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

\*GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

*Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)*

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

*Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

*Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)*

*Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)*

*Goodbye*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 7:11-12*

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

All: We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor. We have not lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a great desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 7:9-10*

Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous- you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

### 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.

## \*ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.

Before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus - women echo)

Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise. Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise. Arise, my soul, arise.  
*shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;  
his blood atoned for every race,  
his blood atoned for every race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

(Chorus)

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diagonal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

*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)*

### 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.)

## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us  
When Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against  
*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)*

*Series on Mark: Who is this Jesus?*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Why I Came - Mark 1:35–39(ESV)*

<sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Sermon Outline**

I. A Solitary Place

II. A Public Ministry

## Sermon Questions

1. Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus is praying (1:35; 6:46; 14:32-39). What do these prayer times have in common?
2. Consider: "Jesus is neither contemplative ascetic nor social activist. He does not promote an agenda but derives a ministry from relationship with the Father. he is the Son, one in being with the Father; and the Servant, one in purpose with his will." —NT scholar, James Edwards
3. Peter "pursued" Jesus because of the people. What is Peter missing about what Jesus is about? How are the disciples shown to be subtly at cross-purposes with Jesus?
4. Mark uses the verb "looking for" ten times and all with a negative connotation. The people's enthusiasm for Jesus is not the same thing as faith in Jesus. How do we avoid this danger ourselves?
5. Jesus tells us why he came—to preach the message of the kingdom of God. Notice that again demonic expulsion is connected to this. What is unique about the person and work of Jesus regarding these encounters? What is unique about the preaching of God's Word in our lives?
6. We struggle to keep our agendas from getting in the way of Christ's purposes. In what areas of your life is this the most problematic?

**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.

## \*FAIREST LORD JESUS - Hymn #170

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

### 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.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and for evermore be thine.

## 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)*

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

## \*WE WILL FEAST

(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

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

**DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

**LADIES' TROPICAL TEA:** We invite you to a tropical escape for the women and girls of Faith Covenant TODAY at 2:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Join us for island inspired treats and colorful décor with our speaker Kelly Swenson. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).

**JUST LOOKING CLASS:** Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the PCA? Sign up in the foyer for Just Looking Class on Sundays after second service starting May 13 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Men are invited for prayer and breakfast together in the fellowship hall for the five Wednesdays in May at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Tom Jentz with questions (755-2029).

**SPACE PROBE VBS JUNE 25-28:** Our VBS for ages 4 to those starting 6th grade will be the evenings of Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28! We are still in need of a few more group teachers—please contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) or the church office to join the team.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 20.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, May 10, at Central Christian Church. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

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### **SERVING: May Deacon - Kyle Hanson**

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

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 am: Julie Thompson

Nursery 11 am: Ockert/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner/Benni Tulloch

#### **Next Sunday - May 13th**

Ushers: John & Susan Sullivan/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 am: Hunter

Nursery 11 am: Lancaster

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Lorrie Gomez

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### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

#### **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**

Wednesdays Sr 6:30 & Jr 7 pm

#### **Young Adult Group**

1st & 3rd Sundays 6 pm