

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*September 2, 2018*

*“I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.”  
Psalm 86:12*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 104:31-34*

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! Let us sing to the LORD as long as we live; let us sing praise to our God while we have breath.

### \*COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING - *Hymn #302*

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll descend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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## \*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

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)*

## 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.

## \*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*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments.

We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out. (*Adapted from Luke 11:37-52*)

**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.

## SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:12-13*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

### \*COMMON CONFESSON 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.

### \*BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

## 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.)

### COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
*prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above*

*Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*What is the Chief End of Man? - Psalm 86:8-13 (ESV)*

<sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
    nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,  
    and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
    unite my heart to fear your name.

<sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
    and I will glorify your name forever.

<sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
    you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol

**Psalm 22:23**

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
    and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**Romans 15:5**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony  
with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> that together you may with one  
voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deuteronomy 28:47**

Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of  
heart, because of the abundance of all things,<sup>48</sup> therefore you shall serve your ene-  
mies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness,  
and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has  
destroyed you.

## Sermon Outline

### I. Glorify God

#### **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.

### II. Enjoy Him Forever

## Sermon Questions

1. Westminster Shorter Catechism #1: What is the chief end of man?  
Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.
2. How do we glorify God?
3. How do we enjoy God?
4. Consider: Geerhardus Vos, a 19 th century Bible scholar at Princeton, asked this question: "What is it about Reformed theology that enables that tradition to grasp the fullness of Scripture unlike any other branch of Christendom?" His answers: "Because Reformed theology took hold of the Scriptures in their deepest root idea. ... This root idea which served as the key to unlock the rich treasures of the Scriptures was the preeminence of God's glory in the consideration of all that has been created."
5. NT scholar Clinton Arnold: "The power of God comes to his people by means of a relationship—a relationship with God by virtue of union with the exalted Christ and with the Holy Spirit residing in each believer." Why is this so important to remember when we consider how we glorify and enjoy God?
6. The God-centeredness of God is always at war with our own desires to be at the center. How does Jesus free us to find ourselves in him?

## \*ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

### 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.

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

## 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.

## \*TO GOD BE THE GLORY - Hymn #55

To God be the glory great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that we may go in

(Chorus)

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the people rejoice*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son*

*And give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives

(Chorus)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

(Chorus)

## \*BENEDICTION

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

### 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.

### 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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Cornerstone Church, Kalispell, Pastor Luke Knoll

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Tim Bentson, PCA missionary with Mission to the World in Osaka, Japan.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES** will begin Sunday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. between the two worship services. The Adult Sunday School class will be "Shaping Your Heart" with Pastor Lloyd Pierson. Worship service times will change Sept. 9 to 8:15 and 11 a.m.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us for Vespers at a new day and time this year, the second Sunday of the month starting Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge with this brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** for 6, 7 and 8th graders starts Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the church with Sean and Lisa Iddings.

**SMALL GROUPS:** Coming to a location near you! As the season turns and the smoke clears look for coming opportunities to facilitate, host or join a small group near your or in an area of interest. Contact James.Mileur@gmail.com for more information.

**FAITH COVENANT CAMP:** Please register ASAP for camp with your Faith Covenant family Friday-Sunday Sept. 21-23. Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat! Registration forms are available in the foyer or **register online at faithcov.com**. Lodging includes bunk rooms, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$100/family, \$70/couple, \$40/individual - payment due when you arrive at camp.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$\$262,659.69 Offerings received = \$238,216.45

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Sept. 13, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** September Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays

**Young Adult College/Career Group**

Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm

(Dinner & Study @ Andersons')

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Nick & Hanni Hanson  
Children's Church: Hanni Hanson  
Early Nursery: Hernandez/Rowe  
Late Nursery: Longeneckers  
Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell/Gloria Hanson  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Lorrie Gomez

**Next Sunday - September 9th**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bays  
Children's Church: Becky Neumann  
Early Nursery: Saldamando/Gomez  
Late Nursery: Clarks  
Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Laura Pierson  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman