

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*August 25, 2019*

*“My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments.”*  
*Proverbs 3:1*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 12:3-6*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### \*REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.  
*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,  
the only wise King.

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery!

*(Chorus 2x)*

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## \*COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

### 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

## \*COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

*(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame*

*All who are broken lift up your face*

*O wanderer come home, you're not too far*

*So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

*Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

All:     O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. 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.”

### 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.

## \*JESUS IS MINE

1. Fade, fade, each earth - ly joy; Je - sus is mine. Strong - er than  
 2. In days of fra - gile peace, Je - sus is mine. Through tear - ful  
 3. When on that fi - nal day, Je - sus is mine; Be - fore his

fleet - ing hopes, Je - sus is mine. Dark is the wild - er - ness, Earth has no  
 nights of grief, Je - sus is mine. His voice com mands the storm, His pres-ence  
 rad - iant face, Je - sus is mine. Safe in his arms I'll cling, Prai - sing my

rest - ing place, Je - sus a - lone can bless; Je - sus is mine.  
 stills my soul, He will sus - tain my hope; Je - sus is  
 Sa - vior King, For - ev - er - more I'll sing: "Je - sus is

mine. Je - sus is mine, Je - sus is mine,  
 mine." Je - sus is mine,

When all else fails, He still re - mains; Je - sus is mine!

## INSTALLATION: PASTOR JOHN SACKETT

### OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*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)*

### BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### 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.)

*Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Remembering Our Identity — Proverbs 3:1-4 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,  
<sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.  
<sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
    bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Sermon Outline**

I. The Lord Defines My Identity

## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. The Lord Reassures Me In My Weakness

**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 Questions

1. Proverbs mentions “my son” about 25 times. What about this identity is important for us to remember?
2. We so often say: “Lord, take this problem away, I can’t handle it, it is too much for me.” Rather, we need to say, “Lord make me the kind of person that can handle this problem, so that your Son would receive glory for my life.”
3. Have you had times where the Lord put you in places where your weakness was front and center and the only way out was for the Lord to show his strength through your weakness? How did you respond?
4. What was the nature of Gideon’s fleece? Why is this not a way to seek direction from the Lord?
5. How are you encouraged by a God who is greater than your problems? How can this also be a struggle not to blame him?
6. How does your struggle against your sin and challenging circumstances drive you to the gospel for comfort and for change?

## Children’s Question

*You are God’s child. How does this help you when you struggle against your weaknesses?*

**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.

### \*YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN MY

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

### \*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!*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

#### Leaders & Staff

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

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

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (sabbatical), 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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### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Great Plains Gathering, PCA

Billings, Pastor Josh Charette

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for J & K serving with PCA's Mission to the World

**WELCOME COFFEE HOUR:** Help us welcome Ben & Kristin Melli at coffee hour today in their honor. Ben will be our new youth and Refuge Ministry director.

**FALL SERVICE TIMES** will change to 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 8.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES** will begin Sunday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. between the two worship services. The adult Sunday School classes will be "Vanity Fair: A Study in Ecclesiastes" with Pastor John Sackett and a money management class with church deacons. Sign up in the foyer for classes so we can plan for numbers.

**FAITH COVENANT CAMP:** Register now for camp with your Faith Covenant family Friday-Sunday Sept. 20-22. Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Lodging includes bunk rooms, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$100/family, \$70/couple, \$40/individual..

**FALL SMALL GROUPS:** If you are interested in joining, hosting or leading, (or learning more about) a small group, please sign up in the foyer this morning. As we gather info (and interest), we will advertise the various groups and help with coordination.

**FALL WOMEN'S GROUPS:** Ladies are invited to study the book *Women of the Word* with Susie Sullivan on Wednesdays starting Sept. 18 at 9:30-11 at the church. Sign up in the foyer. Elizabeth Women's senior group will start meeting Sept. 10 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon for a study in 1 Peter. Contact JoAnn Ross for details (250-3831).

**COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY** will continue to meet during the school year once a month on Wednesdays starting Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell). Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us for Vespers the second Sundays starting Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song. Childcare provided.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:** Everyone is invited Thursday, Sept 12, 8:30 am - 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Former Refuge Director Sissy Hashley will cover understanding abuse Biblically and how to help those in abusive relationships. Sign up in the foyer or contact Benni Tulloch (270-7321 benitatulloch@gmail.com).

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**SERVING:** August Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: Motleys

Late Nursery: Russells

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday September 1st**

Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: Hernandez/Rowe

Late Nursery: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan/Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini