

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 4, 2021*



*“When the bow is in the clouds,  
I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God  
and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”  
Genesis 9:16*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

### **\*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids His rise, alleluia  
Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia  
Once he died, our souls to save, alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, alleluia  
Made like Him like Him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross the grave the skies, alleluia, alleluia

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**\*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

**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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.  
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**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.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *2 Chronicles 30:7-8*

Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.

**All:** Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my failures in the face of temptation, and those times I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made on others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told and the truths I have avoided. Jesus have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Psalms 25:11, 14-15*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

## \*COMMON CONFESSION 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.

*continued above*

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.

**\*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.*

**OFFERTORY:** (*Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com)*)  
*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)*  
*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

**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. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

**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: Easter*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*God Refuses to Quit — Genesis 9:12-16 (ESV)*

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

**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.

**Sermon Outline**

- I. The Bad News is still really bad
  
- II. The Good News is still really good

**Sermon Questions**

1. In what way has the bad news stayed the same from Gen. 6:5-8 until today?
2. God’s covenant with Noah sees a fresh start that includes blood sacrifice. God’s covenant fulfillment in Christ sees a fresh start that ends blood sacrifice. Why?
3. How are Jesus on the cross and the rainbow similar signs of God’s covenant promises?
4. Consider: “Redeemed man must not internalize his salvation so that he thinks narrowly in terms of a “soul-saving” deliverance. To the contrary, redemption involves his total life-style as a social, cultural creature. Rather than withdrawing narrowly into a restricted form of “spiritual” existence, redeemed man must move out with a total world-and-life perspective.”—O. Palmer Robertson. How does this relate to the great commission?

**Children’s Question**

*When we think of God promising not to give up on mankind,  
how is Jesus on the cross like the rainbow of Noah?*

**\*IS HE WORTHY?**

*(Women Lead – Men Echo)*

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)*

Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
the light from getting through? *(We do)*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *(We do)*

*(Men Lead – Women Echo)*

Is all creation groaning? *(It is)* Is a new creation coming? *(It is)*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *(It is)*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *(It is)*

*(All Together)*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy of this? He is!

*(Women Lead – Men Echo)*

Does the Father truly love us? *(He does)*

Does the Spirit move among us? *(He does)*

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *(He does)*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *(He does)*

*(All Together)*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

**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 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.

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**\*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - Hymn #263 vs. 1, 3-5**

*(Chorus)*

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name*

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod  
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

*(Chorus)*

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

*(Chorus)*

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

*(Chorus)*

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone  
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Alethia Christian Fellowship, Pastor Scott Keller  
**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** The E family ministering to the Turkish people of Central Asia  
**VESPERS:** Join us Sunday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service.  
**LADIES' TEA:** *Save the date* for the return of our annual ladies' tea Sunday, May 2.  
**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, April 8, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**SERVING:** April Deacon – Terry Falk

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

Children's Church: 11 Sharon Salyer

Nursery: 11 Julie Thompson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jeanie Brenneman

**Next Sunday, April 11th**

Children's Church: 11 Sharon Salyer

Nursery: 11 Hunter/Orndorff

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

**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

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