

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 8, 2021

*“I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.”
Psalm 52:8*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

***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 condescend;
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!

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 13:5-6**

All: I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing, and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide, and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one; clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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.

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can also be given online at faithcov.com*)

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 10 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

Remember to sign the attendance register in your pew so we can better minister to you and your family.

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

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: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor John Sackett

Lying Words are No Match for God's Love — Psalm 52 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

¹ Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. ² Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. ³ You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. *Selah*

⁴ You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. ⁵ But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

⁶ The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷ "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. ⁹ I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

Sermon Outline

- I. The Evil of Lying Words
- II. God's Righteous Response to Evil
- III. Our Right Response to God

Sermon Questions?

1. The second half of verse 1 seems out of place in this first section (vs. 1-4). What might David be accomplishing here?
2. This Psalm has very definite shifts in its personal pronouns. Moving from second person to third person and finishing with first person. How does this help David's argument?
3. In seeing the evil uprooted, we read verse 6 that, "the righteous shall ... laugh at him." One scholar notes "it's not so much hilarity over the wicked as joy over heaven's triumph." How does that change the picture of this laughter?
4. Why is a green olive tree in the house of God a good picture of God's steadfast love?

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

Have you ever tried to pull a healthy green tree out of the ground? Was it hard to do? Strong roots keep the tree strong, and in our psalm, David reminds us that we can stay healthy by focusing on God's love. If we instead love dies, our roots will dry up. What happens to a tree when its roots dry up?

*WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

(Chorus)

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne
Oh, we're falling before your throne

(Chorus 2x)

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

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.

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.

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94 vs. 1-3, 6**

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to His foes.
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

***BENEDICTION** (If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder will be up front after the service.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: St. Herman Orthodox Church, Pastor Daniel Kirk

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K S. family serving in the Middle East.

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: You're invited Sunday, Aug. 8, at 6:00 p.m. to the church backyard for singing & supper together. Bring your lawn chairs; picnic dinner provided.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch on Aug. 15 after second service for our next Mission Meal with missionaries from the Middle East. Sign up in the foyer by Aug. 12.

SERVING: August Deacon – Ryan Petersen

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Today, August 8th

Children's Church: M. Tinkham Nursery: Clark & Orndorff
Fellowship Hosts: Jeannie Haugestuen & Sue Richardson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Theresa Paolini
Ushers: 8:15 Carrolls — 10 von Olhausens

Next Sunday, August 15th

Children's Church: Terry Falk Nursery: McManus & K. Brown
Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Eileen Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch
Ushers: 8:15 Carrolls — 10 von Olhausens

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916
College — Tim Anderson 270-4951
Career — Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm