

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 26, 2021

*“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:32-35**

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus)

**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.

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*
Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

**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.

***ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well

On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living or in dying all must be well

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)

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

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 Questions

1. How does the Feast of Tabernacles fit into the context of what Jesus is saying here? What were the roles of light and water in the ceremony?
2. What were some of the questions of Jesus' identity? How did he answer them?
3. Jesus continually appropriates Israel's symbols as his own. What does it mean to say that Jesus is the true Israel of God?
4. Consider—"The light does not merely bring about a degree of clarification by which human beings are raised to a higher level, say, of knowledge or conduct, but rather rescues them from the life-threatening forces of darkness."—H. Ridderbos.
5. How does the "who" of the gospel always inform the "what" of the gospel?

Children's Question

Sometimes we are afraid of the dark, and light makes us feel better. Jesus is the light that removes our fears and our inner darkness. How does following Him help us to see?

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.

**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.

***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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Trent Neumann — 11 Elder Tim Anderson.

*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION - Hymn #347, vs. 1-2, 4-6

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
she is his new creation by water and the Word
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

*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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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

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To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Whitefish Four Square Church, Pastor Christopher Martin

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim & Emily Herset, Young Life

EVENING SERVICES: Regular evening services resume TONIGHT, at 6:30 p.m.

LADIES' FALL FAVORITES POTLUCK: Come join us Sunday, Oct. 3, after second service, as we kick off another year of women's ministry! Come for fellowship and learn more how you can be involved. Bring your favorite fall food with a recipe card. Sign up in the foyer. Contact Kim Hansen for details (850-291-5103).

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS: Elder/Deacon Nomination Packets are available for pickup in the foyer. Nominations should be submitted by October 17th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Join the other men of Faith Covenant for a full breakfast, devotional challenge and small group prayer.

NEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the office at office@faithcov.com.

LOST AND FOUND: There is a collection of jackets and sweatshirts on the foyer coat hooks and items on the table in the fellowship hall that may belong to you. Please check for your kids' hoodies and jackets; items will eventually be donated to charity.

SERVING: September Deacon – Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Hansons/Woods

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery: Falks & Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Maryann Wilkerson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday October 3rd

Ushers: N. Hansons/von Olhausen

Children's Church: Julie Thompson

Nursery: Hunter

Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Theresa Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:30, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 4:30 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 7 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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