

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*November 14th, 2021*

*“I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit,  
for apart from me you can do nothing.”  
John 15:5*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:1-4**

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All:** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

### **\*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*continued above*

**\*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued***

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

*O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalm 36:5-7***

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is your un-failing love, O God!

**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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**\*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

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)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### 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 11 a.m. service (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son;  
Praise Father and the Son,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
*(Repeat 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.)

*Sermon Series: The Seven I Am Sayings of Jesus*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*I Am The Vine — John 15:1-11 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### Sermon Outline

I. Connected to Christ

II. Bearing fruit for Christ



### Sermon Questions

1. “The vine lives to give its life blood”—William Temple. How does Jesus impart life to his people? In what way does Jesus being the image of the vine show that he is the true Israel of God?
2. An interpretation difficulty comes in understanding what Jesus means by being unfruitful. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the three views discussed?
3. How does the Father “prune” his people?
4. “Unless we can be satisfied with God’s love, we can never be satisfied.” —Thomas Traherne (1674). How does abiding in Christ sweeten our joy?

### Children’s Question

*Jesus tells us to remain in him. What does that mean?*

*How does Jesus make us fruitful followers?*

### 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.

**\*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*

## 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 Matt Riley — 11 Elder Don Olmsted*

### \*WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

*(Chorus)*

*Because of His great love we are not overcome (2x)*

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

*(Chorus)*

Offer up your shoes and shirt  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke of love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

*(Chorus)*

*Because of His great love we are not overcome*

### \*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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell,  
Pastor Ed Koteskey

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pastors Aaron Scott and Jake Neufeld serving at  
Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us for Vespers TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and  
recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL:** Join us Sunday evening, Nov. 21, for  
a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social. Bring a pie per family (if  
able, please drop off Sunday morning in the church kitchen). Sign up in the foyer.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** An offering will be taken at Thanksgiving for the  
PCA Ministerial Relief Fund to support widows of PCA pastors and missionaries.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the  
holidays Saturday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier to transform our sanctu-  
ary for the holidays!

**SAVE THE DATE—LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be Sunday, Dec. 5, after  
church in the fellowship hall. We will again be collecting gift cards for Refuge clients  
Christmas gifts. Cards from grocery stores, box stores, coffee shops, and gas stations in  
any amount are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office anytime.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE DUE TODAY.** Please do  
not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box. If  
you miss today, you can deliver your box to Easthaven Baptist Church during the  
coming week.

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**SERVING:** November Deacon – Terry Falk

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

Ushers: Petersen Family/Heyboer Family

Children's Church: Terry Falk

Nursery: McManus & K. Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Jeanie Haugestuen & Traci Carroll

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Jeanie Brenneman

**Next Sunday November 21st**

Ushers: Petersens/M. Thompsons

Children's Church: Terry Falk

Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Kim Hansen & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Yvonne Hernandez

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**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 @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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