

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 23, 2022

*“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.”*

1 Corinthians 1:10

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*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

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.

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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 John 1:6, 8-9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments ... Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

All: Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to re-make it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.' " Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. (*Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:**

– The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: **Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

***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

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Michelsen

Elsa Michelsen

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 8:15 & 11 a.m. services (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

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.

(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.*

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)

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)

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: 1 Corinthians — Living in the Mess
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Divided Church — 1 Corinthians 1:1-17 (ESV)

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Sermon Outline

I. Who are the Corinthians?

II. What Seems to be the Problem?

Sermon Questions

1. How does Paul's introduction lay out the main themes of his letter?
2. What does it mean to listen to the other side of the conversation in reading Paul's letter to the Corinthians? What are some challenges in doing this?
3. The cult of personality has always been a problem for people in general. What are ways we can work against this in the church?
4. What does Paul mean in verse 17 that a certain kind of "wisdom" can empty the cross of its power?
5. How does the gospel encourage our unity with diversity?

Children's Question

When we think we are better than someone else, it causes problems.

How does Jesus remind us that we are all one in Him?

**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.

**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.

***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

(Chorus 2x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance below)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Tom Jentz — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

***WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**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.

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, 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*

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: Hope Pregnancy Ministries

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alyssa Shattenberg, Madagascar

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. The annual report and 2022 budget information is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting on the 26th.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup, any kind, as well as bread and desserts are needed.

Please bring food to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 26.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle and high school groups will not meet the night of the church Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, communion preparation, or children's church and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, no need to sign up again.

CHILDRENS' CHURCH TRAINING: There will be a short training session for new volunteers Sunday, Jan. 30, at 9:30 during coffee hour in the church office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES will begin Wednesday, Jan. 26, with studies at 9:30 a.m. (with childcare), 12:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will read *Transforming Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. Sign up and pick up books in the foyer and read the first chapter for all studies. Payment for the books (\$5 each) will be collected at each study.

BIBLE READING PLANS: If your new year's resolutions included more Bible reading, there are three different plans printed out in the Fellowship hall (south side table) to help you get started.

SERVING: January Deacon – Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Matterns

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Traci Carroll & Kim von Olhausen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday January 30th

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Matterns

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Micah Tinkham

Nursery: J. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Arlene Tinkham

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, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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