

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 17, 2022*



*“And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed.  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.*

*He has risen; he is not here.*

*See the place where they laid him.’”*

*Mark 16:6*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Samuel 22:47-50**

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation.

All: For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.

### **\*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

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

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

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise, 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

### **\*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:** *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**WE HAVE NOT LOVED THEE WITH A PURE HEART**

We have not loved Thee with a pure heart  
Nor have we loved each other  
We've not done justly and we've not loved mercy  
Nor walked humbly with God

Have mercy, have mercy  
Jesus, have mercy, have mercy on us  
*(Repeat all)*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Hebrews 9:15*

He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

## \*COMMON CONFSSION 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.

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.

### **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. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

**\*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 & 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)*

## OFFERTORY SONG - Brass Quintet

*"Sleepers, Awake" or "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"*

Translated "Awake, the Voice is Calling"

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1731

## 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 Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Tension Resolved — Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)*

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Sermon Outline**

I. Jesus brings the full story together.

II. Jesus brings your life together.



### Sermon Questions

1. Notice that the angel did not say: “Go and pray about it with all your heart.” Rather he said: “Come and see.” How is this very different? Why is our Christian faith not a blind faith?
2. How does Jesus resolve the tension of the Old Testament between the holiness of God and the grace of God; the conditional and the unconditional covenant?
3. How does the resurrection give us a response to injustice in the world?
4. According to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “Forgiveness itself is a form of suffering. When I forgive I have not only suffered a violation but also suppressed the rightful claims of strict restitutive justice.” Have you experienced the suffering of forgiving someone? What comfort do you have in Christ for such events?

### Children’s Question

*Why is it good news that Jesus took the punishment you deserved?  
How does this free you to serve Him and others?*

**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.

**\*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

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**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.

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.

**\*IS HE WORTHY?** *continued*

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.  
(See FCC observance below)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*8:15 Elder Tom Jentz — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham*

**\*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**

*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, Pastor Matthew Nelson

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** D & N in Central Asia

**EASTER LILIES:** Those who purchased Easter lilies may take them home, preferably after the second service.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY,** Easter Sunday. Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons between 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 24.

**VBS JUNE 27-30 SAVE THE DATE** for this year's VBS program **SPACE PROBE: A Faith-Fueling Odyssey** Monday, June 27, through Thursday, June 30! Pastor Ben is recruiting helpers so check out the sign up in the foyer or contact him to volunteer (406-885-4916)!

**LADIES' TEA - CREATIVES WANTED!** This year's tea hopes to showcase the various hats that ladies within our church family wear by displaying everything from creative hobbies to professional crafts that our ladies pursue. So whether you are a writer, photographer, seamstress or gardener, please consider how you might display your handiwork for the edification of our church family. Please contact Kim Hansen by April 30 if you want to participate with a craft. **Mark your calendar for tea on Sunday, May 15,** and watch for details coming soon!

**WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY:** The women's prayer ministry seeks to provide prayer and a point of contact for all the women of Faith Covenant. Judy Fosbery is our new women's prayer ministry coordinator. If you would like to serve by praying for a group of women, please contact Judy (406-755-2692).

**MTW UKRAINE OFFERING:** The Missions Committee wants to thank you for your generosity. We were able to send \$9,545 to assist with PCA missions and relief work in Ukraine.

**ENEWSLETTER:** If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).

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**SERVING:** April Deacon – Kyle Hanson

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

Ushers: N.Hanson/Peters/T. Anderson

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Easter Breakfast Deacons

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday April 24**

Ushers: N.Hanson/Bays

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Hunters/Streit

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: McGarveys/Niam Moody

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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, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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