

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*October 30, 2016  
Reformation Sunday*

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly  
than all that we ask or think, according to the power  
at work within us, to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.”*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 117**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations;

All: extol him, all you peoples

Leader: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the  
Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord.

### **\*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*continued above*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

**\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD, continued**

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

*Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.*

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

*Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.*

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*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*

**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.

**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:** *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**All:** My God and my Creator, I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice and other sinful affections. I repent of these things, am sorry for them, and ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Psalms 28:6-7*

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**\*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds:  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made:  
Who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Nicene Creed**

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

**\*DOXOLOGY (ROMANS 11)**

Oh, the depths of the riches  
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God  
How unsearchable His judgments,  
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?  
And who can bring counsel to Him?  
Who has given to God, that God should repay?  
For from Him, through Him,  
To Him is everything.  
To God be the glory forever and ever,  
To God be the glory forever, Amen.  
(Repeat)

**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.)

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

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

*11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!** - *Hymn #100*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Sermon Series: Ephesians*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Doxology: God is Great - Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)*

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Sermon Outline**

If God Is This Great, It Affects:

I. How We Worship

II. How We Live

II. How We Struggle



## Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. When we consider the greatness of who we are worshipping, in what ways does this change how we worship? Why is a God-centeredness the only logical place to start?
2. Consider: “Paul gives glory to God because of his essential character, a practice which should be observed by all believers. We have a tendency to petition God while we ignore his right to praise, not only for what he has done but also for who he is.”—Harold Hoehner, NT scholar. What role has praise (doxology) played in your life of faith? How might you improve it?
3. How is God glorified in the Church? or How does the Church provide an arena from which the work of Christ Jesus is displayed before the cosmos?
4. Consider: “But the apostle does not limit the Father’s care or ability to what we ask. There is too much of our humanity in our requests for them to govern God’s responses. Because we are human our requests are feeble and finite. We want dessert when we need meat, success when we need humility, and safety when we need courage—or Christlike sacrifice. We ask within the limits of human vision, but he is able to do more.” —Pastor Bryan Chapell. How does this tie together with Phil 4:12-13?
5. When our lives seem to be coming apart, we have to look beyond the immediate circumstances and see the goodness of God revealed in our savior Jesus. How does this enable us to weather the rapidly changing landscape of our lives?

### **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, commun-  
ion with God has  
been reestab-  
lished. The cove-  
nant has been  
renewed. The  
Lord's Supper is  
the gospel made  
visible for us and  
we share in it as  
the full commu-  
nity of God's  
people.

**\*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.  
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*(Chorus)*

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.*

*(Repeat)*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

*(Chorus)*

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

*(Chorus 2x)*

### \*BENEDICTION

#### **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.

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

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut (emeritus), Terry Falk,

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish, Pastor Aaron Scott

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Garrett and Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studio, YVAM, as he studies architecture at MSU-Bozeman.

**TIME CHANGE REMINDER!** Remember to move your clocks back one hour this coming Sunday, Nov. 6, when Daylight Savings Time ends!

**IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please fill out the form in the foyer to update your contact information. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included. *For a new photo, please see Kristin in the nursery between services.* Return forms in the foyer or to the office.

**MISSION MEAL:** Join us for lunch with Patrick Klein from Vision Beyond Borders Sunday, Nov. 6, after the second service. November 6 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. VBB's ministry has included: Bible smuggling, serving orphanages, helping sex-trafficking victims, supporting pastors and persecuted Christians. Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER** Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style, and is a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. Turkey provided but please sign up in the foyer to bring sides and dessert to round out our meal.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH DIRECTOR** needed! Please contact the office for details.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** are due Sunday, Nov. 13.

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**SERVING:** October Deacon: Mike Stahlberg

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster  
Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill  
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys  
Nursery 11 a.m.: Olmstedes  
Fellowship Hosts: Terri Miller & Yvonne Hernandez  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jeanie Brenneman

**Next Sunday - November 6th**

Ushers: Volunteers Needed  
Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson  
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: C. Hanson  
Nursery 11 a.m.: Wright/Streich  
Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sundays 10 pm

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Trustees**

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

**Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups**

Wednesdays 7 pm