

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*October 9, 2016*

*“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs,  
members of the same body, and partakers of  
the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”  
Ephesians 3:6*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:1-4**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

### **\*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise  
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime  
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

### **\*BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*(Chorus)*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.  
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

*(Chorus)*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.  
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

*(Chorus 2x)*

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

#### **\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 18:46**

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

### **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 peo-  
ple. It is a great  
privilege of the  
gospel that we  
can stand for-  
given before the  
Lord of glory.

**\*OH WHY SO HEAVY OH MY SOUL**

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed  
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

*(Chorus)*

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise  
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem  
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?*

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Galatians 3:10-11**

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is writ-  
ten, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in  
the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is  
justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by  
faith."

**All:** O Lord, how can we stand before you with our num-  
bered and aggravated offenses?

**Leader:** We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun  
us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserve your  
grace and thus have mocked your gospel.

**All:** We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your suf-  
ficiency.

**Leader:** We have not loved your church that you bought with your  
own blood.

**All:** Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole  
heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.

*continued above*

Leader: We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed.

All: **Lead us to repentance and save us from despair.**

Leader: Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

All: **Help us believe the gospel for your glory.**

*(Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Galatians 2:19-20*

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

*James Anthony Moody*  
*David Timothy Moody*

## 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)*

### 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.)

### 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

*Sermon Series: Ephesians*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A Glorious Mystery - Ephesians 3:1-13 (ESV)*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. <sup>13</sup> So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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Sermon Outline

I. Ephesians Overview

II. The Great Mystery

III. The Ongoing Power in the Church



## Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Paul uses the language of mystery. Why? What about this mystery a bit anti-climatic for us now?
2. Consider: “If we do not value the gospel as revelation from God for us, it will not impact our lives.” This seems obvious to us, yet it is surprisingly easy for us to forget this.
3. In what way does the gospel address our sense of being out of place or not belonging?
4. All of these great promises come through the church. What is encouraging about this? What might discourage you as you consider this?
5. Who are these powers and authorities mentioned in v-10 (Eph. 6:12)?

**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.

**\*SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast  
Christ who died, risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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**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

### \*BE THOU MY VISION - *Hymn #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### \*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:** Family Life Christian Church, Kalispell, Pastor Frank Mack

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Nathan and Betsy Russell who are facilitating a YWAM leadership school in Cambodia and Taiwan Sept. 27-Nov. 14. Pray for traveling mercies and that it would bear much fruit for the gospel.

**CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY:** Join us TODAY for a chili lunch at the church after the second service and a trip to the corn maze! Maze cost will be paid by the fellowship committee. The maze is on Birch Grove Road East off Hwy 2 and one mile south of Glacier Airport - watch for signs! For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

**COMMUNICANT'S CLASS:** If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Oct. 17-20 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

**MEN'S FRATERNITY YEAR 2** "Winning at Work & Home," will start Tuesday, October 11, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer.

**SERMON RECORDINGS** can be found at our website [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com). Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the icon for listening later.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE:** You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, Oct. 16**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

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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: Carol Van Duyne

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: S. Thompson/Embry

Nursery 11 a.m.: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday - October 16th**

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Josh & Marlo Lancaster

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: H. Hanson

Nursery 11 a.m.: Tinkham/Turner

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan/Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

**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

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