

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 16, 2017



*"Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen."
Luke 24:5-6*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

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

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-stone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

***ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS - Choir**

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277**

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

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell, alleluia
Death in vain forbids His rise, alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise, 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

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia
Hail the resurrection thou, alleluia

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

***ARISE MY SOUL ARISE**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
his blood atoned for every race,
his blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

(Chorus)

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: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

*COMMON CONFESSION 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.

*JESUS MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.
(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

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.)

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

Easter Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Resurrection: A Showstopper - John 20:1-10 (ESV)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Sermon Outline

I. Everything seems the same

II. Nothing will ever be the same

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Consider: “The resurrection is the very heart of the Christian faith, and yet, in the real life of contemporary Christianity and Christians, faith in the resurrection has very little place. This faith has become clouded, so that today’s Christian, unaware that this is happening and without denying the resurrection, manages somehow to avoid it; he has ceased to live by the resurrection as the early Christians did.”
–Alexander Schmemmann . Do you find that you can at times avoid the resurrection in your daily walk with Christ? What is the antidote for this?
2. Tim Keller points out: “Hidden beneath this feeling [of not having any need for God] is the very modern American belief that the existence of God is a matter of indifference unless it intersects with my emotional needs. They are betting their life that no God exists who would hold them accountable for your beliefs and behavior if you didn’t feel the need for him.”
3. Victory in humility is very counter-intuitive to our culture. In what ways are we challenged by Christ to take the low path of humility? What are obstacles to this? (Phil 2:5-8)
4. Christianity is above all the belief that Christ did not remain in the grave, that he really and truly was raised from the dead. How has this reality changed your life? In what ways does the seeming ordinariness of life challenge this for you?
5. Many people find the God-centeredness of God off-putting to their desire to be the center of God’s attention. What are tangible ways you can live with Christ-centeredness in a man-centered culture?

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.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)**

I hear the Savoir say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

(Chorus)

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

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.

***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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

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

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,
Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson *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.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Faith Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Matt & Becky Allhands, at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, Easter Sunday. Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 23.

UPWARD BOUND VBS 2017: We are excited to announce this summer's Upward Bound VBS for children age four through students entering 6th grade the evenings of June 26-29 (Mon-Thurs). Please prayerfully consider serving the children in our church and community through one of the following roles: teacher, worship/skit, dinner and snack team, registration, recreation, nursery, sound and crafts. Please contact Kate Anderson (270-7836) or the church office by April 30 to join the team!

TEA ON THE FARM: Oink, baa, moo ... we invite you! Women and girls of all ages are invited to a very special tea party Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Join us for country cooking and refreshment in the care of our Good Shepherd ... boots not required! Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer!

LETHBRIDGE PCA PAINTING MISSION: Amazing Grace Community Church in Lethbridge has been blessed with a building and contacted us for help painting the interior. If you are interested in helping, call Joe Swenson (406-871-5273) for details.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for worship on the third Sunday of each month - **TODAY April 16** - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

LOST & FOUND: Check out the lost and found table in the fellowship hall for items that might belong to you. Remaining items will be donated to charity.

SERVING: April Deacon: Terry Falk/Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Becky & Isaac Neumann/Scott & Sue Richardson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys

Nursery 11 a.m.: Anderson & Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: Easter Breakfast - Deacons

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - April 23rd

Ushers: Becky & Isaac Neumann/Scott & Sue Richardson

Children's Church: Becky Neumann

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Jentz & Saldamando

Nursery 11 a.m.: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/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

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

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