

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 12, 2019*

*“Speaking the truth in love,  
we are to grow up in every way  
into him who is the head, into Christ.”  
Ephesians 4:15*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Micah 4:1-2; Psalm 86:9-10*

Leader: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

All: **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

### **\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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**\*GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus)  
*Glory be to the Father, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Son, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.*

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;  
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Chorus 2x)

*Amen, Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

## \*TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door  
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak  
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile  
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state  
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust  
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me  
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past  
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

*continued above*

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursuing convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful thoughts and actions through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

### 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.

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD** - *Hymn #253 vs 1-3, 5*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

## 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)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our sins  
As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen  
(Repeat All)

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen, amen

## 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.)

*Living with Tension — Understanding the Bible*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Agree With Me So We Can Get Along — Ephesians 4:15-16 (ESV)*

<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Ephesians 4:1-3**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**John 17:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**Jude 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice.

**1 Peter 3:8**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.



## Sermon Outline

- I. Truth without Love — Anger and Harshness
  
- II. Unity without Truth — Indifference and Cowardice

## Sermon Questions

1. When it comes to something as simply as how we are to dress and act, there can be huge differences of opinion based on different passages of Scripture. How do you keep these opposite truths still “furious and opposite”?
2. In Acts 15:3, we see Paul and Barnabas encouraging the churches on their way to the debate in Jerusalem. Doctrinal controversy did not get in the way of their spreading joy. How is this an encouragement to us today?
3. Knowing what side of the donkey you fall off on this issue is very important. It is easy to find justification for why the other side is wrong. Which side is your tendency? How do you biblically work against camping out there?
4. Consider “My father was very tenacious of what he judged truth, while at the same time he could love, esteem, and honour his brethren who differed from him, and very freely hold communion with them” — Thomas Boston. How do we keep both these admirable traits at the same time?
5. In Revelation 5, we see the image of the lion-like lamb. Jonathan Edwards referred to this as the “admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies” in Christ. In his earthly ministry, Jesus was both tough and tender in his ministry. We are not to lose sight of this. How does Jesus’ example instruct your heart right now?

## Children’s Question

*Why is it important that we speak the truth in love?*

**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  
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.

**\*'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679**

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

*(Chorus)*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

*(Chorus)*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

*(Chorus)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

**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.

**\*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee:  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*(Chorus)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

*(Chorus)*

**\*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.**

*Staff:* Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)  
*Elders:* Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), 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 *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Serious JuJu Community Skateboard Ministry, Kalispell

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for 100 Fold Studios (John & Sam Hudson), a nonprofit architecture firm providing design services and training architects for charitable organizations and projects around the world.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us **TONIGHT** at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Childcare available.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) **please fill out the card in the foyer** and put it in the box or leave in the office. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sunday, May 19.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encouragement Wednesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Childcare available. Contact Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$156,913; Offerings received = \$151,953

**HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

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**SERVING:** May Deacon - Phil Van Duyne

### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Jentzs

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Jenny Heyboer & Kate Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

#### **Next Sunday May 19th**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Bob & Jenn Eck

Children's Church: Susie Sullivan & Hannah Buckner

Early Nursery: Russells & Saldamandos

Late Nursery: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Yvonne Hernandez & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

#### **Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

#### **Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

#### **Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

#### **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

#### **Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

#### **Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

#### **Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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