

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 5, 2020*



*“Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt,  
the foal of a beast of burden.”*

*Matthew 21:4*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Zechariah 9:9*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly  
and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

### \*HOSANNA

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;  
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;  
the people sing, the people sing.

*(Chorus)*

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*  
*Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

I see a generation rising up to take their place;  
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;  
we're on our knees, we're on our knees.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

Heal my heart and make it clean.  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.  
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.  
Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause,  
as I walk from earth into eternity.

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)*

*It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

*(Chorus)*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus)*

### **Call to Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *2 Chronicles 30:7-8*

Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.

**All:** Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my failures in the face of temptation, and those times I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made on others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told and the truths I have avoided. Jesus have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Psalm 25:11, 14-15*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

### **Call to**

### **Confession**

We all sin daily,  
in thought and  
word and deed.

As we come  
into God's  
presence, we  
acknowledge  
how we have  
rebelled against  
our King and  
seek his  
forgiveness.

## \*CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.  
 What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.  
 Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he lone.

What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-good.  
 Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's lives!  
 And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with long

Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes a-part from His com-blood.  
 Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y him.  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-mand?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we trial?  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore the rock of stroyed,  
 and we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er stand.

O sing hal-le-lu-jah Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le-Christ?  
 more.

lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

## OFFERTORY

(Offerings can be mailed to the church office at  
 611 Third Ave East, Kalispell MT 59901 or given online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com))

*Sermon Series: Palm Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Is That It?! — Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)*

I. The Smallness of Our Expectations

II. The Wonder of Christ's Reality

**Sermon**

God addresses  
and speaks to  
us by the  
reading and  
preaching of his  
Word. Both  
Christians and  
non-Christians  
need to hear  
the good news  
of salvation and  
grow in it.

**Sermon Questions**

1. The people thought they understood who and what the Messiah was to be; yet Jesus did things that defied their understanding of Messiah and offended them. What were some of those differences? Why is this important to keep in mind when we attempt to move our eyes off of ourselves and onto Jesus?
2. Speaking of Jesus as God, Augustine says of the triumphal entry: "He does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility." In what way is the glory of God revealed in Jesus' humble entrance into Jerusalem?
3. Disappointments are hard to take by anyone; yet the Lord calls us to trust him in the midst of them —to walk by faith and not by sight. How has Jesus helped you with this in your own life?
4. Letting go of our expectations for what we think our lives should be, or how our family should have turned out is a death of sorts. In many ways, following Jesus produces a series of mini-deaths in our lives. Where have you struggled with not liking the plan of your life? How have you responded to the Lord for this?

5. Consider Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheap goods ... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”
6. Does Jesus’ invitation to death keep you at arms length or do you step forward (by his grace) to die to something with the hope of resurrection before you?
7. Jesus promises his people freedom from sin and death in the coming of his Kingdom. Why do we so often try and add to the benefit package in this life? How is biblical worship an antidote for this tendency?

### Children’s Question

*We often don’t get what we want and things can happen differently than what we expected. How does Jesus help us with our disappointments?*

### **\*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS - Hymn #261**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*HIS MERCY IS MORE

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus 2x)*

### \*BENEDICTION



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Adventure Church (CMA), Kalispell,  
Pastor Jim Davey

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Our missionary family serving with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Central Asia.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us online this evening, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ONLINE:** Please join us on Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. for our Good Friday service online on Facebook and faithcov.com.

**EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED** in honor or memory of your loved ones. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Email office@faithcov.com to reserve your lily (\$10 each) no later than April 8.

**FAITH COVENANT ON FACEBOOK:** Be sure to 'like' and follow Faith Covenant on our Facebook page where we are streaming services. You can also listen to video devotionals from our pastors and get church announcements on the church website (faithcov.com) or Facebook.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please call or email the church office (752-2400 or office@faithcov.com), with changes to your contact information or questions about any areas of church life.

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**SERVING:** April Deacon- Mike Stahlberg

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers!

The following ministries are closed until further notice:

Children's Church, Nursery, Fellowship, Sunday School

Refuge and Turning Point

**Worship Services**

Streaming Sundays

11 am & 6:30 pm

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.

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