

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 16, 2021

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”*

Hebrews 11:1

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:7-11**

Leader: O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

***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!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(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.

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:3-4*

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful (3x)
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us (3x)
Mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

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.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs 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.)

Sermon Series: Hebrews — Finish the Race

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

By Faith — Hebrews 11 (ESV)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ...

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Sermon Outline

I. The Hall of Faith

II. The Call to Faith

Sermon Questions

1. The Lord has made this world to be lived by faith and not by sight. Hope for future blessings are to sustain us in times of current difficulties. Will I believe what I currently do not experience—that is the challenge. How does the Lord strengthen us for this kind of life in faith?
2. Considering how messed up some of these great saints were, how does that encourage you in your following after Christ in a life of faith?
3. How have wrong concepts of faith been detrimental to the Church at times?

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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.

4. Why is our faith in Christ never a “blind” faith? How would you explain that to someone?
5. What we believe is the foundation for what we do. Living faith combines firm belief with resolute action. What has been a particular challenge for you in this recently?

Children’s Question

Living by faith is hard. How does seeing the lives of others who have done this well encourage you in your walk with Jesus?

*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

(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

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.

**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.

***ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Mountain View Mennonite, Pastor Jeryl Hollinger

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studios nonprofit architecture firm

OLYMPIAN VBS 2021: We are excited to announce this summer's Olympic VBS for children age four through starting 6th grade the evenings of June 21-24. Volunteers are still needed in several areas—contact Ben Melli (270-7836) or the church office by May 23.

HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER: Pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Fill it with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

SERVING: May Deacon – Bruce Tulloch

Today, May 16

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk

Nursery: 11 McManus, K. Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Gloria Johnson

Next Sunday, May 23

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk

Nursery: 11 Turners

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jessica Brown

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm—Streaming 11 am

Wednesday Youth Groups

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9

College/Career Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

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