

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 4, 2021

*“My son, do not lose sight of these—
keep sound wisdom and discretion,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.”
Proverbs 3:21-22*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 34:1-3*

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually
be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let
the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING** - *Hymn #164*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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*KING OF LOVE

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart, everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me

(Chorus)

*Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (2x)
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever, within Your house forever

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 34:9-12*

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

All: Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. This we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 34:18-22*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can also be given online at faithcov.com*)

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 10 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

Remember to sign the attendance register in your pew so we can better minister to you and your family.

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.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

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: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor John Sackett

Wisdom: Keep It and It Will Keep You — Proverbs 3:21-35 (ESV)

²¹ My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion, ²² and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. ²³ Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. ... ²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. ²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you. ²⁹ Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you. ... ³³ The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous. ³⁴ Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor. ³⁵ The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace.

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.

Sermon Outline

I. Wisdom: Guard it

III. Wisdom: Live it

Sermon Questions?

1. Verses 21-23 include multiple body parts “eyes, throat, neck, feet.” Why might Solomon have written about wisdom this way?
2. Derek Kidner has remarked, “It becomes very clear that wisdom means walking with God.” Why might he state that? Can someone have wisdom without walking with God?
3. Verses 25-31 contain a series of six “Do not’s.” What is the theme of these prohibitions? Do you react differently to a negative prohibition “Do not” versus a positive proscription “Do”? Why do you suppose that is, and is that a good thing?
4. What is the essential message of these proverbs and how can that change us?

Children’s Question

Have your parents ever told you not to do something because it was dangerous?

How did it feel to be told you can’t do something? They warn you because they love you; the next time they tell you not to do something, thank them for their love.

*YOUR WILL BE DONE

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done*

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.

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Salvation Army

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & E church planters in the Middle East

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY meets next on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. at the church.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

SERVING: July Deacon – Phil Van Duyne

Today, July 4th

Children's Church: 10 Julie Thompson Nursery: 10 Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kim Hansen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Staci Bennett

Next Sunday, July 11th

Children's Church: 10 Julie Thompson Nursery: 10 Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Carlynn Stahlberg

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Yvonne Hernandez

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916

College Group Tim Anderson 270-4951

Career Group Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

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