

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 21, 2022

*“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile
and you are still in your sins...
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.”
1 Corinthians 15:17, 20a*

**Call to
Worship**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:18-21**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

**Indicates
when to stand.
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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6:12-13*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Leader: Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? (*Romans 6:1-2*)

All: “By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: God of grace, you love me, but I have not loved you. You call, but I have not listened. I walk away from my neighbors in need, wrapped up in my own concerns. By my action and my attitude I praise what you condemn. Help me to admit my sin, so that as you come to me in mercy, I may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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.

***ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well

On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need sup lying
Yes in living or in dying all must be well

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.)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

BE THOU MY VISION - *Hymn #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians—Living in the Mess
Pastor John Sackett
The Resurrection's Impact : 1 Corinthians 15: 12-34

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Sermon Outline

I. The Consequences of a Dead Faith

II. The Resultant Fruit from a Living Savior

Questions for Further Reflection

1. NT Scholar John Forman notes “Even a child can ask: “what happens after that? And then after that? And then after that?” How does Paul use that type of logical progression in his argument? What might be some areas in dealing with unbelief or false beliefs where we could use the same approach?
2. Theologian Charles Hodges on vs 19 declares “If you take Christ from the Christian you take their all. He is the source not only of their future, but of their present happiness.” Is that true of you? Are you aware of the difference that makes in your life?
3. Vs 20 is a pivot point in this text, yet Paul still keeps an indivisible connection between Christ’s resurrection and ours, on this point, NT Scholar Thomas Schreiner states “What is the rationale underlying this connection? It is the notion that believers are in Christ; thus His destiny is their destiny.
4. When you look at verse 29, how might noticing that Paul shifts the pronouns into the third person help us understand this passage?
5. How can this morning’s passage change – not just the way we think of death, but the way we live life?

Children’s Question

On the first Easter, when the women came to the tomb and saw that Jesus was not there, what did they first think? How did this change when Jesus appeared to them?

How did this help their faith in God?

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.

***BECAUSE HE LIVES (Amen)**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

*Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away
(Chorus)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand
(Chorus 2x)

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should
at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O
Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Pastor — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham

*WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Cross, Pastors Aaron Scott & Jake Neufeld

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J&K, MTW church planting in the Middle East

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies, have you been reading the summer book, *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund? We will get together this Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. at the church for discussion and fellowship. Sign up in the foyer. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (406-249-2411).

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: Interested in joining the Faith Covenant family? *Introducing Faith Covenant*, a new members' class, will be offered this fall as one of our two adult Sunday School offerings. While there is no obligation to join the church after this class, it is an important part of learning about our church and preparing for future membership. If you are interested, please sign up today in the foyer.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGE: Sunday school classes will resume on September 11 at 10am, with worship services at 8:15am and 11am.

SAVE THE DATE—FALL WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES: Mark your calendars for the Ladies' fall potluck on Sunday, Sept. 18, after church, and Bible studies on Esther starting Wednesday, Sept. 21. Watch for details as it gets closer!

SERVING: August Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Davis/Petersen

Children's Church: Carrolls/T. Falk

Nursery: Orndorff & McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Susan Cox

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Arline Tinkham

Next Sunday August 28th

Ushers: Davis/Petersen

Children's Church: Carrolls/T. Falk

Nursery: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Maryann Wilkerson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Jessica Brown

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Evening Service

4th Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Youth Group variable for summer

Career Group 7 pm

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