

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

June 4, 2023



I and the Father are one.

John 10:30

**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 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY—*Hymn #122

God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TRINITARIAN CONFESSION**

All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto all ages.
Amen.

***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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23*

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All: O most just and gracious God. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your holiness. We have hated our brother in our hearts. We have delighted in the taste of our own vengeance and not in your mercy. We too easily bear grudges against those made in your image. We have not loved others well, but have sought our desires above others. Be merciful toward us Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Nahum 1:7*

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *The Nicene Creed - Hymnal p. 846*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the
Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed
In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

***WHAT LOVE, MY GOD**

What love my God would bring you down to earth
What king would take a low and lonely birth
Yet to this dark and broken place you came
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life
To walk the road, rejected and despised
That you might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

(Chorus)

*O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood*

What love my God could hold you to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die
(Chorus)

What love my God, so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see you face to face
You raise me up to see you face to face
(Chorus 2x)

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)*

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

PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever
flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

Sermon Series—Trinity Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, PhD.
Getting Jesus Right: John 10

John 10:22-33 (ESV):

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the
Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in
suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told
you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear
witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my
flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give
them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of
my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no
one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."
³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, "I have
shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going
to stone me?" ³³The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are
going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself
God."

*Because God has revealed himself as one God in three persons,
we must know and worship Him as the Trinity.*

I. Not All the Same

II. Why It Matters

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.

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Consider: J.I. Packer “When we disregard the study of God, we sentence ourselves to stumble through life blindfolded, with no sense of direction and no understanding of our surroundings.” How might this help respond to those who only want “practical” faith?
2. The slogan “all religions are the same” is such an easy thing to disprove. Why do people keep saying it? How is it just thinly disguised human arrogance?
3. If Jesus is not God, why is Christianity then meaningless? How is it possible to have a Christless Christianity? What must we do to keep the fullness of Jesus from being either an abstraction or an empty ideal?
4. Consider: “The Trinity belongs to the inner life of God, and can be known only by those who share in that life. As long as you are on the outside, you will never see beyond his unity.” —Gerald Bray. What are implications of this for us?

Children’s Question

All religions are not the same.

Why is believing in Jesus the only thing that makes sense of the world we live in?

***HOLY HOLY HOLY - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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)*

**The Lord's
Supper**
The gospel is
not only heard,
but visibly seen
as God invites
us to commune
with him at his
table. In the
Lord's Supper
we remember
and experience
Jesus' saving
work.

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father and the Son;
Praise Father and the Son,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
(Repeat All)

*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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Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

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Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Faith Free Lutheran Church, Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Braveheart Chaplain Ministry

VESPERS: Our once-a-month evening service of prayer and song is next Sunday, June 11, at 6:30pm.

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: The first meeting of the ladies' summer Bible study is coming up on Tuesday, June 13, at 7pm. Please come prepared by reading and completing lesson one. If you haven't picked up your book yet, there are still a few available in the foyer.

PCA GOLDEN JUBILEE: Join us today for a special time of prayer between services to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the PCA.

SUMMER SEAQUEST VBS: Kids ages 3 through those entering 5th grade are invited to four fun-filled evenings of VBS June 19-22 from 6-8:30pm. Links to register are on the church website and in the Friday eNews.

JUNE SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Those in Micah Tinkham's south Kalispell/Lakeside shepherding group will have their potluck on June 25 after the second service. Watch your email for more information as the date gets closer.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the list to receive our Friday eNewsletter, contact the office (office@faithcov.com).

SERVING: June Deacon - Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersens / Matterns

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan / Tim Anderson

Nursery: Streits

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday June 11

Ushers: N&H Hanson / Lancasters

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan / Tim Anderson

Nursery: Janis Orndorff & Kelly Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Kim von Olhausen & Laura Moody

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson / Yvonne Hernandez

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm