

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 14, 2024

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Romans 6:22

**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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 22:27-31; 21:13*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

All: For kingship belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

All: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

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*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**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.

***JESUS SHALL REIGN**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And princes throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise,
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue,
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim,
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring,
The highest honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeats the loud amen!

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: Our Lord and God, though we have been washed in the name of our Lord Jesus, we confess that we struggle to remain free from the stain of sin. We give in to the desires of our lusts; we see our many possessions and are greedy for more; our hearts are too often factories for idols. Forgive us our sins. Grant to us repentant hearts and wills that desire to strive for new and fresh obedience. May Jesus be glorified in our lives, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 20:6-7*

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore

(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)*

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.)

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)

Sermon Series—Romans: Coming Under Grace

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Set Free to Serve God—Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I. “Free” to sin—totally bound up

II. Slave to God—truly free

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. Paul tells us that there are two realms at work. The new one in Christ that is partially here and yet to come and the old one under sin that is still here but is on the way out. What confusion can occur when we fail to account for one or the other of these two realms?
2. Regarding verse 19, C.K. Barrett says: “One expects the doctrine to be handed over to the hearers, not the hearers handed over to the doctrine.” In what way does the teaching of Christ create the Christian? How does discipleship connect to the Word of God?
3. Contrary to our own cultural values, human autonomy is not possible. How does the pursuit of this false autonomy create hell on earth? What feeds this deception in your own life?
4. Christians can often think they are justified by faith but sanctified by struggle. How does our sanctification flow from our being united to Christ? Why does this matter?
5. Jesus sends his Spirit to enable us to fulfill the law of love. He frees his people to serve God and others. Why is this really a freedom? Why do we struggle so much thinking of serving others as a freedom?

Children’s Question

Sometime we just want to live in any way that pleases us, without anyone telling us what to do. The Bible reminds us that when we do this, we always end up serving sin. Only Jesus can really set us free as we serve him.

***COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude

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)*

**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

*REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING - Hymn #310

Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing and triumph evermore

(Chorus)

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above

(Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given

(Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit
And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet

(Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home

(Chorus)

*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

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,

Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,

Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Garrett & Sarah Morrison, Mission Builders International

VESPERS: is TONIGHT at 6:30. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: There will be a brief informational meeting in the sanctuary immediately following the 1st and 2nd services TODAY with an update about our new church campus expansion.

LADIES' SPRING TEA: Ladies of all ages are invited to the annual spring tea this coming Sat., April 20, at 2pm. Bring a teacup & saucer and gather in the fellowship hall for a Scottish afternoon tea & fellowship. Please sign up in the foyer. (*Note: If you already signed up online, you are accounted for!).

QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH COVENANT?: You're invited to join the pastors for lunch immediately following the 2nd service next Sun., April 21, for a Q&A, as well as more information about membership. Sign up in the foyer if you're interested.

NEXT YOUTH GROUP: will be Wed., April 24, from 6-8pm. (Youth group will not meet on 4/17)

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: If you're in the Tim Anderson/Ryan Petersen shepherding group, you will be meeting for a potluck after the 2nd service on Sun., April 28.

SERVING: April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tronstads / Johnsons

Children's Church: Russell / Brown

Nursery: Hobus / Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Sue Richardson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Chris & Lucas Scrima

Next Sunday April 21

Ushers: Bennetts / Bonners

Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson

Nursery: Morrisons / Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Tronstad / Rachel McManus

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Mondays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am