

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

May 11, 2025



For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Mark 10:45

**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 67***

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his  
face shine upon us. May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.

All: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Leader: For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of  
the earth.

All: **May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the  
peoples praise you.**

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when to stand.  
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**\*O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - Hymn #660**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Colors in the Church**

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.  
White = purity & holiness  
Purple = royalty & suffering.  
Red = blood & fire  
Blue = royalty  
Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)  
Green = life & growth

**\*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)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 3:16-18*

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

All: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you freely forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 3:19-20*

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and he knows everything.

### \*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### 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.

**\*MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD** - Hymn #465

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*(Chorus)*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold—  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

*(Chorus)*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*(Chorus)*

**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)*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)*

*It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

*(Chorus)*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus)*

*Sermon Series—Discipleship*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*The Greatest Disciple—Mark 9:33-37, 10:42-48*

*Mark 9:33-37*

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

*Mark 10:42-48*

<sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

I. How to fail at putting others first



## II. How Jesus is the greatest servant

### 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. What about the disciples' bickering is so predictable about ambition? How have you seen your own life caught up in playing the game of success and ambition?
2. In Mark 3:4, the pharisees are silent when Jesus asks them a question, and in Mark 9:34 the disciples are silent at his question. How are the disciples mirroring the pharisees at this point? How are both groups misunderstanding the mission of Jesus in both cases?
3. Consider: "To fail in being a servant is not simply to fall short of an ideal condition but to stand outside of an existing condition that corresponds to the kingdom of God." —James Edwards. Jesus gives a radical condition of the kingdom. How is this a part of his "alien" righteousness that must be imputed to us?
4. The great Greek philosopher Plato asks: "How can one be happy when he has to serve someone?" How would you answer this question for Plato?
5. To look out and away from ourselves is the most God-like action we can do. What makes this so hard? How do we get better at it?

### Children's Question

*To follow Jesus means that we must serve others like Jesus did. How does Jesus help us to serve others when we don't want to? How do we battle against our desires to put ourselves first?*

**\*THERE IS ONE GOSPEL**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan the Son has rescued me  
Oh, what a Gospel oh what a peace,  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling all else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet; He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring;  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found the empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down; He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes;  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on; to lead us safely home  
*And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior the King of life;  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

Praise to my Savior the King of life  
*I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**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**

**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.

## \*THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

There's an endless song waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

*For the Lord almighty reigns*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

*For the Lord our God the almighty reigns*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas  
Rolls of thunder, all the church will sing

*(Chorus)*

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the prize—salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring  
A mighty chorus rising to the King

*(Chorus 2x)*

## \*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, Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz, Jeff McGarvey,  
Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Fresh Life Church

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** John & Sam Hudson, 100 Fold Studios

**MOTHER'S DAY PINS:** A big thank you to Elizabeth Michelsen for her creativity in designing the beautiful gifts for all the mothers of Faith Covenant, and to her team of volunteers for handmaking each one.

**SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:** Those in the Don Olmsted/Bruce Tulloch group have a shepherding group potluck next Sun., May 18.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** There will be an evening prayer service tonight at 6 pm.

**VESPERS:** will be on the third Sunday this month (May 18) at 6 pm.

**QUILTING CREW:** A team of quilters will be meeting in the fellowship hall from 9 am to 3 pm on the following dates: May 13 & 29 and June 10 & 26. New volunteers are welcome to join them at any of these sewing sessions to help make gifts for Faith Covenant brides and new babies. Contact Arlene Wilson with questions.

**HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your bottle with loose change, bills, or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** If you or someone you know is graduating, please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office by next Sun., May 18. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on Sun., June 1. (note the date change from May 25)

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:** In two weeks, on May 25, we will switch into summer mode at Faith Covenant, with service times at 8:15 & 10:15 and no Sunday School.

**LADIES' SUMMER GARDEN PARTY:** Sign up in the foyer if you're interested in hosting a table at the ladies' evening gathering on Fri., June 20. Contact Kim Hansen with any questions.

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**SERVING:** May On-Call Deacon - Jeff McGarvey

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Hobuses / M&J Thompson

Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / S. Salyer & G. von O

Nursery: Morrisons / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Jeanie Hagestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday May 18**

Ushers: M&J Peters / Matterns

Children's Church: Danielsons / Z. Falk & B. Lancaster

Nursery: Hobuses / Walkers

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Haymond / Jessica Brown

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

10 am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

**Sunday Evening Prayer Svc**

Non-Vespers Sundays @ 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am