

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*August 17, 2025*

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

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Psalm 57:5



**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 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.

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**\*O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your 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



**\*HE WILL BE**

God is faithful to His word  
Even when there seems no way  
Though time may pass His memory will not fade  
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be  
Time and time again His Word returns complete  
To His truth I cling when the night is deep  
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt  
He draws near though I retreat  
Though I may wander through the wilderness  
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be  
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me  
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need  
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song  
Countless are His awesome deeds  
His mighty hand has parted raging seas  
For those He loves, He has redeemed

*(Chorus)*

*Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be  
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing  
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty  
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*

*(Bridge 2x)*

He is my provider, covenant protector  
All my hope is in the Lord my God  
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer  
All my hope is in the Lord my God

*(Chorus)*

*Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*



## 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.

### TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door  
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak  
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile  
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state  
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me  
God, be merciful to me

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 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.



**\*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - Hymn #307**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Chorus)*

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(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)*



## THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus)*

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus)*

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all He said He would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus x 2)*

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus



*Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
Pastor John Sackett  
*Comfort, Confidence, Praise—Psalm 57*

<sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. <sup>2</sup>I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. <sup>3</sup>He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah* God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! <sup>4</sup>My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. <sup>5</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! <sup>6</sup>They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah* <sup>7</sup>My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! <sup>8</sup>Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! <sup>9</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. <sup>10</sup>For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>11</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Correct theological convictions bring comfort and confidence., which results in greater heartfelt praise.*

I. A Cry for Comfort

II. Confident Rest



### III. A Response of Praise

#### **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. This Psalm begins with a double call for mercy from God, as well as the beautiful imagery of taking shelter under God's wings. James May writes of this vision of God that "permeates the prayer and diminishes the reality of danger." Does your view of God provide this kind of confidence and comfort?
2. How significant is the phrase in verse 2 "...[He] fulfills His purpose for me"? Consider the theological/doctrinal truth here, and whether you need to strengthen your belief or understanding.
3. In verse 3, we get the picture that God sends us two emissaries, "Loyal Love and Truth (or Faithfulness)" to care for us, and guide us through the night (verse 4) with the lions. Why do these ambassadors so faithfully represent God? Why do they (love and truth) need to be kept together?
4. How does this Psalm beautifully weave the theological truths of God's immanence and His transcendence? How does this Psalm encourage missions?
5. Several commentators noted that Psalm 57 is regularly used on Easter Sunday. Why might this be appropriate?

#### **Children's Question**

*Have you ever seen a bird stretch out its wings to protect its young?  
How can we stay close to God to enjoy that protection from Him?*



**\*GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee.  
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

**\*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 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

### \*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. (3x)*

### \*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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Samaritan House

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** David & Ulrike Byle, serving in Berlin, Germany

**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE:** Every Sunday except the week of Vespers at 6 pm.

**FAMILY VBS:** The final session of family VBS is this Tuesday, August 19, from 5:30-7 pm. Contact Christina Davis with questions.

**MISSIONS MEAL:** Join us for a luncheon on August 24 after the 2nd service to hear an update from the Sheeran family. A signup sheet is in the foyer. Please plan to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

**INTRODUCING FAITH COVENANT CLASS:** If you're interested in membership at Faith Covenant, or simply want to learn more about our church and the PCA, sign up for Pastor John's Sunday school class, which will be starting September 14.

**FRIDAY E-NEWSLETTER:** Let the church office know ([office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com)) if you would like to start receiving the weekly Faith Covenant newsletter.

**YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF:** There will be a "Launch at the Lake" on Wednesday, September 10th, from 5 - 8 pm. All middle and high school youth and their families are invited to Mike & Julie Thompson's home on Echo Lake for an evening of food and fellowship. The youth can enjoy supervised fun while Pastor Jake lays out a vision with the parents for this upcoming year.

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**SERVING:** August On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

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

Ushers: G&C Bennett / B&K Bay

Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / T&T Jentz

Nursery: Cunninghams / Walkers

Fellowship Hosts: A. Hobus & C. Duncan

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / N. Moody

**Next Sunday August 24**

Ushers: G&C Bennett / B&K Bay

Children's Church: H. Hanson & E. Morin / J&J Brown

Nursery: A. Hobus / M. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: H. Hanson & L. Cole-Tinkham

Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / C. Scrima

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 10:15 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