

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 12, 2026

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I
praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4

**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 95:1-2*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us
make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - *Hymn #302

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalm 36:5-7*

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

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

***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)

In his love like a mighty flood

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 5:13-15*

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen (adapted from Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, 1542)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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.

***CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore! (3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

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)*

AMAZING GRACE - Hymn #460

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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.)

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Thriving in an Anxious Age—Psalm 56:3-4

Psalm 94:19

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Psalm 56:3-4

³When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. ⁴In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 55:1-5

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
²Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
³because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. ⁴My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. ⁵Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Peter 5:6-7

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

I. Contending with Anxiety

II. Consolation in Christ

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. In what way is controlling behavior only a placebo for dealing with our fears? What about trying to deaden our anxieties through distractions? Which of these two do you struggle with more?
2. Consider: “We Christians do not like to think about being absolutely helpless in the hands of God. With all of our faith, and with all of His grace, we still prefer to maintain some semblance of control over our lives. When difficulties arise, we like to think that there are certain steps we can take, or attitudes we can adopt, to alleviate our anguish and be happy. Sometimes there are. But anyone who has truly suffered will know that when it comes to the real thing there is no help for it, no human help whatsoever.” —Mike Mason. How has your own helplessness driven you to the Lord and increased your faith?
3. David allowed the truth of who God is to invade his fears rather than allow his fears to invade his faith. What are ways that help you to do this?
4. Jesus has borne our anxieties. How does the good news of Christ help free you from fear? Where are you able to come alongside others to share the peace of Christ with them in their struggles?

Children’s Question

How does my hope in Jesus help keep me from worry and anxiety?

***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)

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

*RESCUER

(Chorus)

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer
We are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save
(Chorus)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
(Chorus)

*So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(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
Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,
Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham
Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch
Coordinator of Women's Ministries: Deanna Kotila | Director of the Refuge: Sissy Hashley
Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham
Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Youth Intern: David Moody
Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Church, Pastor Lance Dannic

JULY MISSION FOCUS: J&E, serving in the Middle East

VESPERS: is TONIGHT at 6 pm. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song featuring original compositions by our own Micah Hunter.

FLOWER GARDENING CLASS: at Cindy Browne's home in Kila has one more session happening tomorrow morning from 10-11:30 am. There's still time to sign up!

JULY CHURCHWIDE PICNIC: Next Sun., July 19, you are invited to Lawrence Park after the second service for a chance to say goodbye to the Morrison family and enjoy a potluck BBQ and root beer floats. Help us get an accurate head count by adding your name to the signup sheet in the foyer by today!

MISSIONS LUNCH: On Sun., July 26, after the 2nd service, the Heart Butte mission team will be sharing about their experiences and how it impacted them. Come for lunch and hear how God worked through them and in them! A signup sheet is in the foyer.

LADIES' OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER: will be on Sat., Aug. 1st, 9-11am at Zach and Maggie Falk's home. You are invited to join us as we celebrate God's gift of marriage. During this casual gathering we will honor the recent marriage of Claire Cole and the upcoming marriages of Lacey Tinkham and Kristen Haymond. For more details and to RSVP, see the signup in the foyer or reach out to Hannah Cunningham

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: with the pastors will be Aug. 2 @ 6 pm.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$420,313 Actual YTD Offerings = \$349,551

If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk

SERVING: July On-Call Deacon - Tom Moody

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: R. Hadley & C. Duncan / S&J Johnson

Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson

Nursery: M&J Mattocks / M. Falk & K. Brown

Fellowship Hosts: K. Bay & J. Taylor

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / T. Paolini

Next Sunday July 19

Ushers: M&J Peters / M&J Thompson

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & D. Moody

Nursery: Allingham Family / K. Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & D. Kotila

Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / N. Moody

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

College Age/Young Adult Group

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am