

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 9, 2026

The heart knows its own bitterness,
and no stranger shares its joy.

Proverbs 14:10

**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: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father,
forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and
the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is
in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as
head above all.

All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule
over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise
your glorious name.

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***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 heav'n;
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)

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Forgive us. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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.

***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

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)*

OH WHY SO HEAVY, OH MY SOUL?

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

(Chorus)

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

(Chorus 2x)

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Defeating Disappointment, Discouragement, and Despair

Proverbs 14:10

The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Romans 5:3-5

³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

I. Why So Heavy, Oh My Soul?

II. Hope Thou in God

Questions for Further Reflection

1. When our disbelieving hearts are confronted with the Truth of God's Word, what are we to do with the emotions and hurts which make believing so difficult?
2. Disappointment is universal to humanity. Walking by faith and not by sight certainly is harder when our longings are postponed. How does the gospel speak into those disappointments?
3. Proverbs 14:10 speaks of our own inner agony. Look at 1 Kings 8:39. How is this a comfort to you in your struggles?
4. What are the challenges you face in getting your heart and your head to line up in life's difficult moments? Where does the consolation of Christ and the hope he brings enable you to move in a different direction?

Children's Question

Life is filled with disappointments. How does Jesus come alongside you in your discouragement to give you hope in him?

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.

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

**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.

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

*ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER - Hymn #562

All to Jesus, I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

(Chorus)

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all*

All to Jesus, I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now
(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly thine
May the Holy Spirit fill me
May I know thy pow'r divine
(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power
Let thy blessing fall on me
(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: Samaritan House, Kalispell

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: Kevin & Sarah Johnson

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: Our annual outdoor picnic at the church is TONIGHT at 6 pm.

VEGGIE GARDENING: Aug. 17 from 9:30-10:30 am. Hosted by Cindy Browne at her allotment at the Glacier Church Community Garden, 690 Grandview Drive in Kalispell (near FVCC). Sign up in the foyer.

CANNING BASICS: Women's Ministries is offering three upcoming opportunities to learn about food preservation in a hands-on, practical way. More information and a signup sheet is available in the foyer.

MISSION MEAL: for David & Ulrike Byle is Sunday, August 23, after the 2nd service. More information and a signup sheet is in the foyer.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus Family / Mattern Family
Children's Church: C. Duncan & E. Morin / A. Brown & family
Nursery: G. Berstedt / S&B Votapka
Fellowship Hosts: S. Sullivan & E. Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner & S. Calvi

Next Sunday August 16

Ushers: G&J Morrison / D&B Phanco
Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J. Thompson
Nursery: Buis Family / Walker Family
Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / J&C Funk

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