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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

April 11, 2021

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

Covenant's Values
Covenant is *biblical* by affirming the Bible as the
authoritative Word of God,
connectional by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church
in America (PCA),
confessional by adhering to the Westminster Standards,
missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and
relational by encouraging families to build community.

*“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God who were born,
not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”
John 1:12, 13*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on John 1:12, 13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 John 1:1-3

¹ *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

² *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

³ *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, His praise should sing?
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
and that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
and our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

text by Francis Johnson/music by Andrew Osenga/CCLI 209271

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:6-22

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

- 6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.*
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.*
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.*
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*
- 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;*
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.*
- 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,*

18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Hymn

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love,
more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help.
At the root of this behavior is mistrust.
We do not love one another as we should,
because we do not believe that You love us as You do.
Forgive us our cold unbelief.
And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross.
Show us what it cost you to give up your Son
that we might become your sons and daughters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:1-5

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,*
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Hymn

“Blessed Are the Sons of God”

Blessed are the sons of God,
they are bought with Christ's own blood;
they are ransomed from the grave,
life eternal they shall have:

refrain: *With them numbered may we be,
here and in eternity.*

They are justified by grace,
they enjoy the Savior's peace;
all their sins are washed away,
they shall stand in God's great day:
refrain

They are lights upon the earth,
children of a heav'nly birth;
one with God, with Jesus one,
glory is in them begun:
refrain

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Scripture

Romans 8:14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Sermon

"Saved to the Uttermost: Adoption"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"The Tender Love a Father Has"

The tender love a father has for all his children dear,
such love the Lord bestows on them who worship Him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust, and all our frailty knows;
man's days are like the tender grass, and as the flow'r he grows.

The flow'r is withered by the wind that smites with blighting breath;
so man is quickly swept away before the blast of death.

Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,
displayed to all who do His will and reverence His Name.

Those who His gracious cov'nant keep the Lord will ever bless;
their children's children shall rejoice to see His righteousness.

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Scriptural Benediction

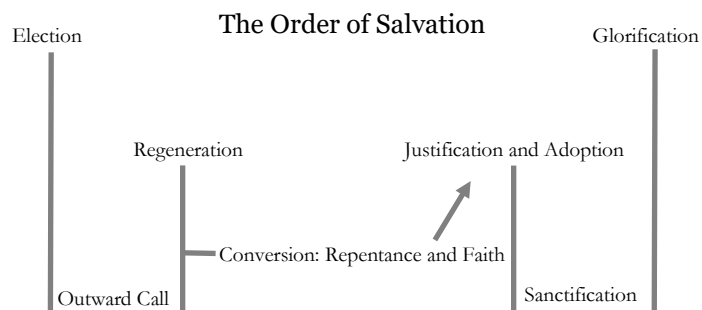
Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Saved to the Uttermost: Adoption”
Romans 8:14-17

I. The Nature of Adoption.

II. The Benefits of Adoption.

III. The Evidence of Adoption.



"Father, Long Before Creation"

C G D G C G D G

1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion
 2. Though the world may change its fash - ion,
 3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry,
 4. Lov - ing Fa - ther no be - fore Thee

5 C G D G C G D G

Thou hadst cho - sen us in love, And that love so deep, so mov - ing,
 Yet our God is e'er the same; His com - pas - sion and His cov - 'nant
 Is my boast - ing all the day; Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
 We will ev - er praise Thy love, And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

9 C G D G Em C G

Draws us close to Christ a - bove. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
 Through all a - ges will re - main. God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren
 Moves my will, di - rects my way. God so loved us, God so loved us
 'Til we reach our home a - bove, Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry

13 Em D G C₁₋₃ G D G C G

Firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
 Must for - ev - er praise His name.
 That His on - ly Son He gave.
 To our God and to the Lamb;

18 D G Em C G Em D G

Giv - ing gl - ry, giv - ing glo - ry To our God and to the Lamb.

23 C G D G C G D G

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