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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
April 12, 2026

Covenant's Mission Statement

"To build a faithful community of joyful disciples."

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 the church family to build community.

*“The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts.
And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.”
Haggai 2:9*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Haggai 2:9 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Women’s Ministries Announcement

Nicole Kinzler

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] 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. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] 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. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Invocation

Hymn

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful Name;
the Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh—His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him his right, all glory and pow’r, and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:22-27

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

Choir

Salvation belongs to our God Who sits upon the throne and unto the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
be to our God, forever and ever, be to our God, forever and ever,
be to our God, forever and ever, Amen.
And we the redeemed shall be strong
in purpose and unity, declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength!

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.

[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

[30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified,
and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn

“All Sufficient Merit”

All sufficient merit shining like the sun,
a fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended eternal now in time,
a life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us; our lawlessness had won,
until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

chorus: It is done, it is finished. No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.

I lay down my garments, any empty boast,
good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson Robe made white,
no more fear of judgment; His righteousness is mine.

chorus

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death,
the joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross.

chorus x2

words & music by Bethany and Shane Barnard and Bryan Fowler
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ
came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You.

We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.
We are weak in faith; strengthen us.

We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You
that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.
Father, forgive us of all our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8-10

[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
[9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Hymn

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs, and works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;
behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.

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Scripture Reading

Ezra 5:1-5, 6:13-22

Sermon

"God's Work"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“God’s Work”
Ezra 5:1-5, 6:13-22

God Works...

I. Through His Prophets.

II. In His Providence.

III. For His Promises.

[1] What was the result of the ministry of the prophetic Word by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 5:1-2)? How does the ministry of God’s Word operate in your life? See 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13, and Hebrews 4:12-13.

[2] How do you see God providentially working in Ezra 5:3-6:12? How do you see God’s providential work in your life and how does this encourage you?

[3] What was the result of God’s promises being fulfilled temporally in Ezra 6:13-22? Why was the rebuilding of the temple important and to what does the physical temple in Jerusalem point? See Revelation 21:22-27.

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