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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
April 14, 2024

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.

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”
Proverbs 4:23

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Proverbs 4:23 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

*[23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when
the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit
and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to
worship him.*

*[24] God is spirit, and those who worship him must
worship in spirit and truth.”*

Invocation

Hymn

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Give to our God immortal praise;
mercy and truth are all His ways:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat His mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure,
when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,
and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow’r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet,
and leads us to His heav’nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
when this vain world shall be no more.

- [20] *My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.*
- [21] *Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.*
- [22] *For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.*
- [23] *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*
- [24] *Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.*
- [25] *Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.*
- [26] *Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.*
- [27] *Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.*

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Before the Throne of God” with “When I Survey”

Choir

Before the throne of God above,
 I have a strong and perfect plea;
 a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands,
 my name is written on His heart;
 I know that while in heav'n He stands,
 no tongue can bid me thence depart;
 no tongue can bid me thence depart.
 When Satan tempts me to despair,
 and tells me of the guilt within;
 upward I look and see Him there,
 Who made an end to all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died,
 my sinful soul is counted free;
 for God the Just is satisfied,
 to look on Him and pardon me;
 to look on Him and pardon me.
 When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the Prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.
 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.
 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
 my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
 the great unchangeable I Am,
 the King of glory and of grace.
 One with Himself, I cannot die;
 my soul is purchased by His blood;
 my life is hid with Christ on high,
 with Christ my Savior and my God.

Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:
That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day,
and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter,
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God.

Hymn

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

refrain: *I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

refrain

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through His blood.

refrain

My great physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;
for me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

(sheet music pgs. 9&10)

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 when 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.

[6] *And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;*

[7] in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

[8] You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

[9] And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

[10] For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’

[11] But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)—

[12] then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,

[13] thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

[14] And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand:

[15] There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”

[17] And when he had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked him about the parable.

[18] And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,

[19] since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

[20] And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him.

[21] For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

[22] coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

[23] All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Hymn

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.
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Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Problem of Defilement, the Heart” Part 2
Mark 7:6-23

I. The Pharisee’s Charge.


II. Jesus’s Countercharge.

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me


Lead Sheet

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

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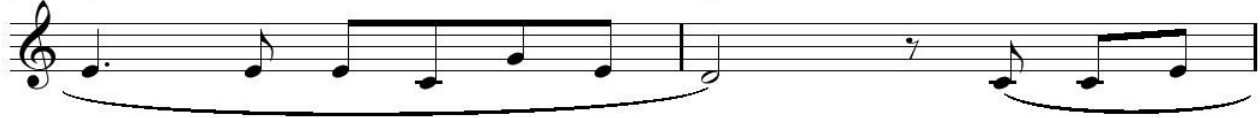
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5 C F




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7 C Am G




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9 C C(add9) F



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11 C G C(sus4) C



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 need, his pow - er is dis - played To this I
 raised to ov - er - throw the grave To this I
 stand with joy be - fore the throne To this I

13 F C

hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my
 hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the
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15 F C G(sus4) G

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17 C Dm C/E F

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 night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not
 chains are rel - eased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
 race is com - plete, still my lips shal re - peat: Yet not

19 C/G G Last time to

I, but through Christ in
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20 C F/A C/G F6/A

me
 me
 me

2. The night is
 3. No fate I
 4. With eve-ry

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