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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
April 17, 2022

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),
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missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and
relational by encouraging families to build community.

*“For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”*
Job 19:25

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Job 19:25 printed above.

Greeting

Pastor: Christ, the Lord, He is Risen!
Congregation: He Is Risen Indeed!

Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 57:9-11

⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Invocation

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All -
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid -
here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death -
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home -
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

*52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.*

*14 As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred,
beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children
of mankind—*

*15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because
of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which
they have not heard they understand.*

*53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the
arm of the LORD been revealed?*

- ² *For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.*
- ³ *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*
- ⁴ *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*
- ⁵ *But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*
- ⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
- ⁷ *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.*
- ⁸ *By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?*
- ⁹ *And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*
- ¹⁰ *Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
- ¹¹ *Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.*
- ¹² *Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Hallelujah Chorus”
G. F. Handel

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Hymn

(sheet music pg. 10)

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

chorus: *Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

chorus

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive?

chorus

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave,
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be
Your faithful people, obeying the command
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who rules the world
and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not
your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

⁹ *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

¹⁰ *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Hymn

(sheet music pgs. 11&12)

“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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- 13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,*
- 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.*
- 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.*
- 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.*
- 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.*
- 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"*
- 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,*
- 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.*
- 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.*
- 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,*
- 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.*
- 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."*
- 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!*
- 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"*
- 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*
- 28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,*
- 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.*
- 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.*
- 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.*
- 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"*
- 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,*
- 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"*
- 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

Hymn

“Thine Be the Glory”

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
endless is the vict’ry, Thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

refrain: *Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict’ry,
Thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

refrain

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu’rors, thro’ Thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro’ Jordan to Thy home above.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“On the Road to Emmaus”
Luke 24:13-35

I. Walking in Disappointment.

II. Walking in Disbelief.

III. Walking in Delight.

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Words by Julia Johnstone

Music by Daniel Towner

G
D
G
D/F#
Em

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea - waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace

D
G
C
G

Grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt
 Threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
 Free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve

G
D
G
D/F#
Em

You - der that on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured
 Grace that is great - er, yes grace un - told
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide
 You that are long - ing to see His face

C
G/B
Am
G/B
C
G/B
D
G

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt
 Points to the the re - fuge, the may - ty cross
 Whit - er than this snow you ment His be - ty to - day
 Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

G
C
G

Chorus: Grace, grace, God's grace

D
G
C
G

Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in

G
C
G

Grace, grace, God's grace

Am
G/B
C
G/B
Am
G/D
D
G

Grace that is great - er than all our sin!

Lead Sheet Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

♩ = 76 G2 Bm7 G2 Bm G2 Bm7

Piano only

Asus G2 **V.1** D *Opt. rhythm* G/D D A

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King. He, the

Bm7 G Em7 Asus D /F# G D/F# /D /C#

theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the

Bm G D G2 Em7 /A D G *Guitar in*

light of life has come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.

D G **V.2** D *Rhythm in* G Bm Asus

2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: He the per - fect Son of Man, In His

Bm G Em7 /A D G F#m

liv - ing, in His suf - fer - ing, Nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to

Bm /A G D G D/F# Em7 /A D *Rhythm out*

save the hell - bound man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.

G Bm Asus D G /B Asus

3. Come be -

V.3 Bm *Opt. bass in* A/B Bm F#m7 Bm

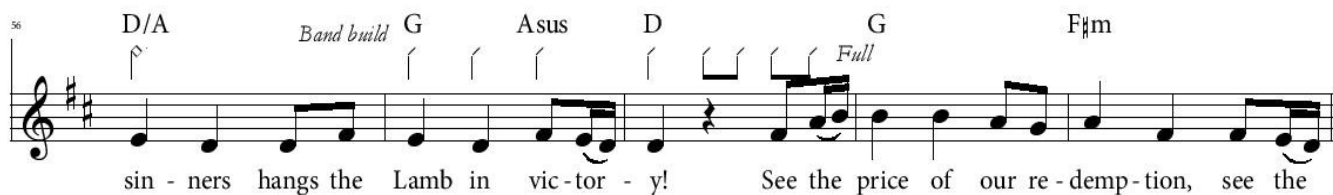
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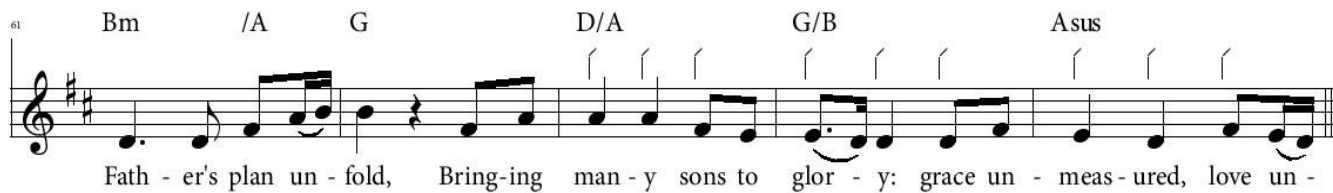
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery - Lead Sheet, page 2

56 D/A *Band build* G Asus D G F#m



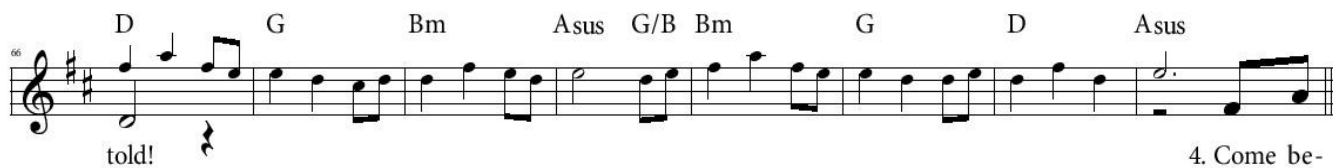
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61 Bm /A G D/A G/B Asus



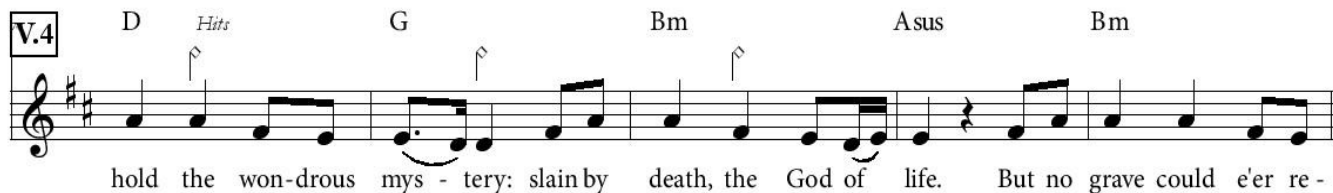
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66 D G Bm Asus G/B Bm G D Asus



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V.4 D *Hits* G Bm Asus Bm



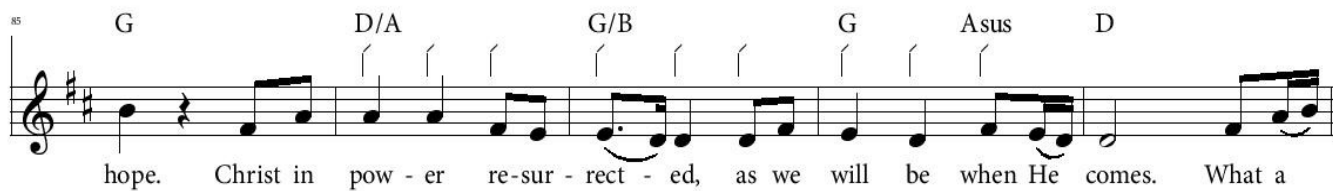
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79 G D/F# Em7 /A D /F# G F#m Bm /A



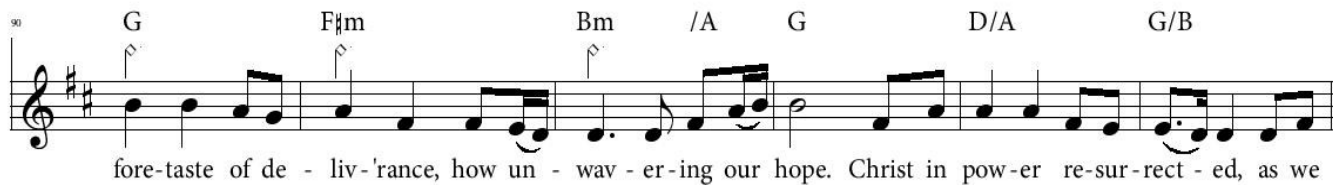
strain Him; Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

85 G D/A G/B G Asus D



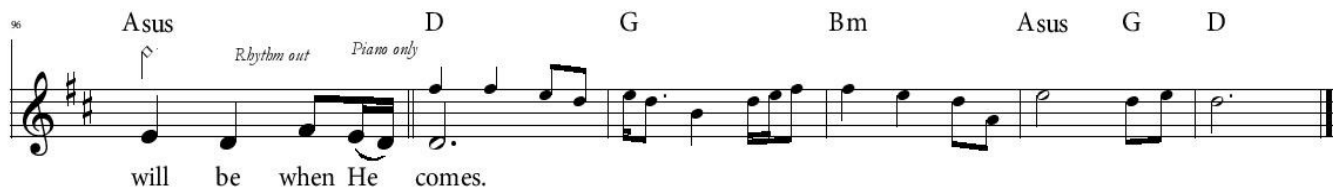
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90 G F#m Bm /A G D/A G/B



fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

96 Asus *Rhythm out* *Piano only* D G Bm D Asus G D



will be when He comes.

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