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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

April 18, 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.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:17 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:3-6

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.*

*⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known
in all the earth.*

*⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.”*

Invocation

Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, those He died to make His own,
how for them He’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
it’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love, of Jesus.
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Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-7

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials:

7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine; now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed You.

Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering.

We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world.

Lord forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of Your Spirit, we might live in light of Your coming again. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-10

⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him Thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide,
and run not before Him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;
each thought and each motive beneath His control;
thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Scripture

Philippians 2:12-18

¹² *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*

¹³ *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

¹⁴ *Do all things without grumbling or disputing,*

¹⁵ *that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

¹⁶ *holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.*

¹⁷ *Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.*

¹⁸ *Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.*

Sermon

“Saved to the Uttermost: Sanctification”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

refrain: *Stayed upon Jehovah,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as He promised,
perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

refrain

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

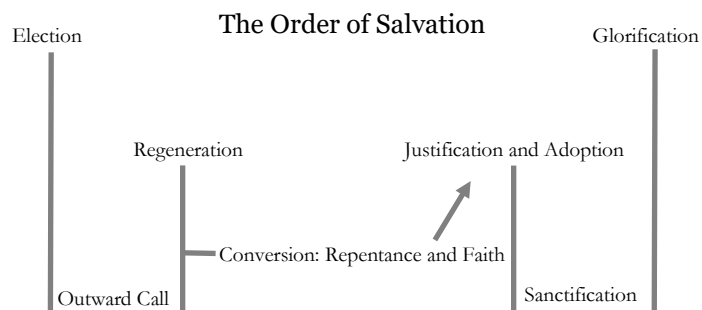
Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*Saved to the Uttermost: Sanctification*”
Philippians 2:12-18

I. Work Out . . .

II. Do All . . .

III. Be Glad . . .



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