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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
April 23, 2023

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.

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*
2 Corinthians 5:21

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:21 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship Hosea 6:1,3

*¹ “Come, let us return to the LORD; ³ Let us know; let us press on to
know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to
us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”*

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

Isaiah 42:1-9

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

- ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not
quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the
earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the
people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the
hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for
the nations,*

*7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

*8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise
to carved idols.*

*9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.”*

Congregational Prayer

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter II, Paragraph 3

In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons,
of one substance, power, and eternity:
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost:
the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding;
the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;
the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid:
we confess that we have sought the approval of others,
rather than lived to please You;
longing to bring ourselves glory,
we have not glorified You.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

*⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest
among us, that God sent his only Son into
the world, so that we might live through him.*

*¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son to be
the propitiation for our sins.*

Hymn

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears
before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

chorus: *Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

chorus

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

chorus

⁹ *In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

¹⁰ *And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.*

¹¹ *And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Sermon

"The Beginning of Jesus' Vocation as The Christ"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Beginning of Jesus’ Vocation as The Christ”
Mark 1:9-11

I. His Calling

II. His Commission

III. His Confirmation

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