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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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 families to build community.

“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.”
Hebrews 4:9

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 4:9 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Invocation

Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs:
May Jesus Christ be praised. When evil thoughts molest,
with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised. Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised: The pow'rs of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Penelope Jane Guenther
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Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
- ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.*
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*
- ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,*
- ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,*
- ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."*
- ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Tom Fox, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will
of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal
life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on
to live for Him.

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!”
I came to Jesus and I drank from that life giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me thy morn’ shall rise and all thy days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk ‘til pilgrim days are done.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 40:11-13

O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;
Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

For evils have encompassed me beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me.
Help me to believe that through Jesus, You already have. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

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

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

refrain: *Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.

refrain

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

refrain

But we never can prove the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows,
and the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.

refrain

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Scripture

Hebrews 4:1-13

¹ *Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.*

² *For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.^[a]*

³ *For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

⁴ *For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”*

⁵ *And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.”*

⁶ *Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,*

⁷ *again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”*

⁸ *For if Joshua had given them rest, God^[b] would not have spoken of another day later on.*

- ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
- ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.
- ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.
- ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Sermon

“A Sabbath Rest Today and In Eternity”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.
 O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful most bright.
 On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
 sing Holy, Holy, Holy, to the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;
 on Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 on Thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n
 and thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;
 a garden intersected, with streams of Paradise;
 Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;
 from Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

Today on weary nations, the heav'nly manna falls:
 to holy convocations, the silver trumpet calls,
 where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
 and living water flowing, with soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,
 we reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.
 to Holy Ghost be praises, to Father and to Son;
 the church her voice upraises, to Thee, blest Three in One.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Sabbath Rest Today and In Eternity”
Hebrews 4:1-13

I. The Promise of His Rest.

II. The Good News to Enter His Rest.

III. The Perseverance Needed for His Rest.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

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Real Key



1. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
2. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
3. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,

"Come un - to me and rest
"Be - hold I this free dark - ly and give,
"I am this dark world's light

Lay down O wear - y, one lay down,
The liv - ing wa - ter, this thy one,
Look un - to me thy mom' shall rise,

Your head up - on my and be breast."
Stoop down all thy drink days and be live!"
And down all thy drink days and be bright."

I came to Je - sus, as I was,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank,
I looked to Je - sus, and I found,

So wear - y, worn, and sad
From that life - giv - ing stream
In Him my star, my sun

I found in Him my, rest - ing place, And He has made me glad
My thirst was quenched my, soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of, life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

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