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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

April 25, 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.

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”
Philippians 1:6

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Philippians 1:6 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-4

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

“God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”

God, my King, Thy might confessing, ever will I bless Thy name;
day by day Thy throne addressing, still will I Thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth; who His majesty can reach?
Age to age His work transmitteth; age to age His pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all Thy glory, on Thy might and greatness dwell,
speak of Thy great acts the story, and Thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought;
works of love surpassing measure; works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all His works His goodness prove.

All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; Thee shall all Thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess Thee, and proclaim Thy sovereign pow'r.

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anna Elise Smith
Covenant daughter of Kurt and Heather Smith

Hymn

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tom Fox, Deacon

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-13

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

- ⁴ *Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.*
- ⁵ *Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.*
- ⁶ *I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,*
- ⁷ *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”*
- ⁸ *Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf,
yet have ears!*
- ⁹ *All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among
them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring
their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true.*
- ¹⁰ *“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have
chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.*
- ¹¹ *I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.*
- ¹² *I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god
among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God.*
- ¹³ *Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can turn it back?”*

Congregational Prayer

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

Hymn

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*As for you, 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!

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 9:11-14

*¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come,
then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is,
not of this creation)*

*¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats
and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*

*¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with
the ashes of a heifer, sanctify^[b] for the purification of the flesh,*

*¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered
himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve
the living God.*

Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

(sheet music pgs. 8-9)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

chorus: *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

chorus

Scripture

John 6:35-40

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Sermon

"Saved to the Uttermost: Perseverance"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above:
when my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!

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Scriptural Benediction

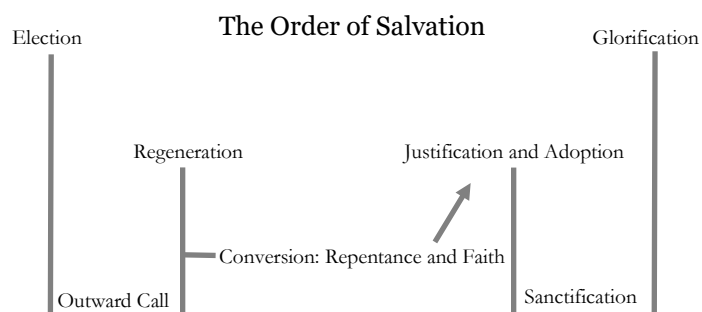
Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Saved to the Uttermost: Perseverance”
John 6:35-40

I. Unconditional Election.

II. Irresistible Grace.

III. Perseverance of the Saints.



He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)

Intro from 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Lyrics vv. 1-2 by Ada Habershon (1861-1918)

Alt words vv. 1-2. lyrics v.3, and Music by Matt Merker

Orchestrated by Paul Campbell

Intro 1

Freely

Violin: Solo / Piano: simple chords

N.C. D⁶ A/C[#] Bm A Bm/D D/F[#] E/G[#] A D⁶ A/C[#]

(optional cut to Intro 2 at b.24)

6 Bm A/C[#] D⁶ D/F[#] E/G[#] A 10 A A/G[#] F[#]m C[#]m

12 Bm A/C[#] D⁶ A/E D Bm⁶ C[#] A A/G[#]

18 F[#]m C[#]m Bm A/C[#] D⁶ A/E Esus E

Intro 2

Full of Hope (♩ = 66)

Vln OUT / Piano SOLO

A^{ma7} A/C[#] Dadd⁹ A^{ma7} A/C[#] Dadd⁹

28 V.1 Piano: cont. simple A A/C[#] D D E A A A/C[#] D

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er would pre - vail,

34 D E A 36 F[#]m E/G[#] A D D C[#] F[#]m

He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;

Vocal/Rhythm

40 F#m E/G# A/C# D D E A

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.

45 **Ch.1** S.A.T. + Synth (Warm Pad) sust. D E F#m F#m E/G# A A Bm7 A/C#

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sa - vior loves me

50 **L.1** As Intro 2 D D E A^{ma7} A/C# Dadd9 A^{ma7} A/C#

so, He will hold me fast.

55 **V.2** Dadd9 A A/C# D D E A

2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

60 **64** A A/C# D D E A F#m E/G# A/C#

Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be

65 D D C# F#m F#m E/G# A/C# D D E

lost; His Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me

71 **Build to Ch.2** + Cymbal Roll **Ch.2** + Gospel Choir: Oohs (or S.A.T.) A D E F#m F#m E/G#

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me

76 **Choir: lyrics (unis.)** **Choir OUT** A A Bm7 A/C# D D E

fast; For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me

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