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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
April 27, 2025

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.

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

1 John 3:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1John 3:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 63:7

[7] I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Invocation

Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for e'er we adore Him.

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Receiving Communicant Members

Emmalijn Bogaards, Drew Fennell,
Titus Hilliard, and Ava Russ

The Sacrament of Baptism

Victoria Bermejo, Claudia Jorgenson,
Eleanor Jorgenson, and Roger Jorgenson

Hymn

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:41-64

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jonathan Goodwin, Deacon

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.

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have given us a sure hope and future,
yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure.
Forgive us for breaking Your Law and putting these things ahead of You.
By Your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on Your promises and to lead holy lives as we await
Christ’s return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

*[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by
faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on!

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"The Steadfast Love of Christ"

Once my heart was a prison defiled and cold,
where sin and the enemy reigned
I was bound by the chains that enslaved my soul;
no hint of repentance or shame
But then Jesus appeared like the morning sun,
defeating the shadows with light
And forgiveness flowed through His precious blood,
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ.

Though redeemed, I still battle the lies within
that silently war in my soul
In my weakness I yield to the power of sin
and desperately cry out for hope
But then grace rushes in like a mighty flood,
new strength to engage in the fight
And I taste the freedom the cross has won
through the steadfast love of Christ.

All the world is accursed and in sorrow still,
as heartache and suffering remain
But the hope of creation will be fulfilled:
Our Savior is coming to reign
I believe in the justice of God the Son,
I know faith will turn into sight
Every tear stain dried, every wound undone
by the steadfast love of Christ.

TAG: All of heaven will quake when we see our King,
the Lamb on the throne lifted high
We'll behold in awe and forever sing
of the steadfast love of Christ,
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ,
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ.

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Sermon Outline
"Righteous Children"
1 John 2:28-3:10

1. How might you give greater consideration to the love of God given to you?
2. What behaviors do you long to have transformed at the return of Christ?
3. What are some positive, specific, practical ways for you to practice righteousness?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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