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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
April 3, 2022

*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.

*"God chose what is low and despised in the world,  
even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,  
so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."*

1 Corinthians 1:28-29

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by  
reflecting on 1 Corinthians 1:28-29 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 1:27-31

*<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*

*<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things  
that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,*

*<sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

*<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us  
wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,*

*<sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

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

*"Come, People of the Risen King"*

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**refrain:** *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

**refrain**

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age; "Our God is all in all."

**refrain**

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.

<sup>24</sup> And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

## Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

## Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"Let Me Ride in That Morning"*  
arr. by Mary McDonald

Choir

I'm gonna tell you 'bout the comin' of the judgement.  
Fare thee well, fare thee well.  
I'm gonna tell you 'bout the comin' of the judgement.  
Fare thee well, fare thee well.  
There's a better day a comin', fare thee well. Fare thee well.  
There's a better day a comin', fare thee well. Fare thee well.  
In that great gettin' up morning, fare thee well, fare thee well.  
In that great gettin' up morning, fare thee well, fare thee well.  
Why don't you swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride?  
Swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride.  
Rock me, Lord, rock me, Lord, calm and easy;  
I've gotta home on the other side.  
repeat  
Well, Ezekiel was out in the middle of the field;  
he saw an angel with a chariot wheel.  
He wasn't too particular about that wheel,  
he wanted to see how a chariot feels.  
Why don't you swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride?  
Swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride.  
Rock me, Lord, rock me, Lord, calm and easy;  
I've gotta home on the other side.  
When you see the lightnin' flashin';  
when you hear the thunder crashin':  
You see the stars a-fallin' and you hear the chariots callin':  
Good news! Chariots a-comin'. Good news! Chariots a-comin'.  
So glad! Chariots a-comin' and I don't wanna be left out.  
There's a long white robe in the heaven I know.  
Long white robe in the heaven I know.  
Long white robe in the heaven I know.  
Swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride.  
Swing down chariot, stop, and let me ride.  
Rock me, Lord, rock me, Lord, calm and easy;  
I've gotta home on the other side.  
I've gotta home on the other side.  
Let me ride!

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-5

*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.*

Hymn

*"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that Your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,  
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.  
Help us to change our way of life  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what You love,  
and do what You command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24:46-48

- 46 “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,*
- 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.*

Hymn

*“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Scripture

Mark 4:30-34

- 30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?”*
- 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,*

*32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”*

*33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.*

*34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.*

Sermon

Pastor Coyle

*“The Greatness of the Kingdom”*

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Hymn

*“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”*

My worth is not in what I own;  
not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.  
My worth is not in skill or name;  
in win or lose, in pride or shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

***refrain:*** *I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die:  
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.  
I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom’s fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

***refrain***

Two wonders here that I confess;  
my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross.

***refrain***

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us so we pray, Your Kingdom come.

**chorus:** Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
so that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
till Your sovereign work on earth is done.  
Let Your Kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

**chorus**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Greatness of the Kingdom”*  
Mark 4:30-34

I. A simple start.

II. An extraordinary end.



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