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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
April 30, 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 because He himself has suffered when tempted,  
He is able to help those who are being tempted."  
Hebrews 3:18*

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Hebrews 3:18 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship Matthew 4:10

*"It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord  
your God and him only shall you serve.'"*

Invocation

Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

- <sup>1</sup> *"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers.*
- <sup>2</sup> *And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.*
- <sup>3</sup> *And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.*

*5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.*

*6 So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.*

*7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills,*

*8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,*

*9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.*

*10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.*

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“We Have Come This Far by Faith”*  
by Joseph M. Martin

Choir

We have come this far by faith, gently carried in the arms of love.  
We have come this far with confidence, our hope in God alone.  
And though the road is long, in His strength we carry on.  
We have come this far by faith and faith will lead us home.  
A simple child-like faith, a tiny mustard seed  
can change the world and move a mountain, calm the raging sea.  
Blessed are the ones who trust in Christ the Lord, those who believe in His  
promises, those who believe in His word, for great is their reward.  
We have come this far by faith, gently carried in the arms of love.  
We have come this far with confidence, our hope in God alone.  
And though the road is long, in His strength we carry on.  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation;  
in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through Him and for Him.

He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that He might come to have first place in everything.  
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

Hymn

*“Psalm 11 (The Lord Is My Refuge)”*  
to the tune of *“How Firm a Foundation”*

The LORD is my refuge, how then can you say,  
"O flee like a bird to your mountain away.  
The godless take aim with their bow and their dart,  
like snipers they shoot at the upright in heart.

"When evil prevails, they foundations remove;  
O what then, O what then, can righteous men do?"  
Be sure that the LORD in His temple on high,  
In heaven enthroned, over men casts His eye.

The LORD looks on man with His all-searching eyes;  
His eyelids observe, and their conduct He tries.  
The LORD tests the righteous who walk in His ways;  
His soul hates the wicked, who terror embrace.

The LORD will send judgment and pour out hot coals;  
O'er all the ungodly His scorching wind rolls.  
The LORD, ever righteous, His justice portrays;  
By grace all the upright will look on His face.

John Goris, 2004, alt. Reformed Churches of New Zealand  
Hymnal Committee, 2004/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much  
for the comforts of this world.  
We have loved the gifts more than the giver.  
In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for  
are shadows, but You are substance;  
that they are quicksands, but You are mountain;  
that they are shifting, but You are anchor.  
We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ.  
Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness,  
His sinlessness for our transgressions,  
His fullness for our emptiness,  
His glory for our shame,  
His righteousness for our dead works,  
His death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

*<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation  
for all people,*

*<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,  
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the  
present age,*

*<sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory  
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

*<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness  
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession  
who are zealous for good works.*

Hymn

*“I Have a Shelter”*

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;  
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You my place of peace and solace;  
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;  
Though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;  
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me;  
For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in You the One who bears my burdens;  
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.  
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With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1:12-13

Pastor Reed

*<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.*

*<sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan.*

*And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.*

*“A Cosmic Clash in the Wilderness”*

Hymn

*“Behold Our God”*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

**chorus:** *Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

**chorus**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“A Cosmic Clash in the Wilderness”*  
Mark 1:12-13

I. The Spirit Drove Jesus into the Wilderness.

II. Satan Tempted Jesus in the Wilderness.

III. The Angels Ministered to Jesus in the Wilderness.

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