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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

April 4, 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.

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:9-11

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Philippians 2:9-11 printed above.

Greeting

Pastor: Christ, the Lord, He is Risen!
Congregation: He Is Risen Indeed!

Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

"Christ the Lord is risen today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

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Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalms 57:9-11

⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

¹⁰ For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

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, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

(sheet music pgs. 9&10)

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.
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Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

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.*

⁵ *He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.*

⁶ *He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.*

⁷ *The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.*

⁸ *they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

David Matlock, Deacon

Hymn

“There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn

“O Great God”

(sheet music pg. 11)

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice of sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.
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Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back - it was very large.

⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon

"For They Were Afraid"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All -
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid -
here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death -
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home -
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanks giving

Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

refrain: *Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

refrain

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' Thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“For They Were Afraid”
Mark 16:1-8

I. The Women’s Expectations.

II. The Women’s Discovery.

III. The Women’s Response.

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

"Come,

Behold

♩ = 76

G2

Bm7

G2

Bm

G2

Bm7

Piano only

Asus

G2

V.1

D

Opt. rhythm

G/D

D

A

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King. He, the

Bm7

G

Em7

Asus

D

/F#

G

D/F#

/D /C#

theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the

Bm

G

D

G2

Em7

/A

D

G

Guitar in

light of life has come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.

D

G

V.2

D

Rhythm in

G

Bm

Asus

2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: He the per - fect Son of Man, In His

Bm

G

Em7

/A

D

G

F#m

liv - ing, in His suf - fer - ing, Nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to

Bm

/A

G

D

G

D/F#

Em7

/A

D

Rhythm out

save the hell - bound man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.

G

Bm

Asus

D

G

/B

Asus

3. Come be -

V.3

Bm

Opt. bass in

A/B

Bm

F#m7

Bm

hold the won - drous mys - tery: Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery - Lead Sheet, page 2

56 D/A *Band build* G Asus D G F#m
Full
 sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the

61 Bm /A G D/A G/B Asus
 Fath - er's plan un - fold, Bring - ing man - y sons to glor - y: grace un - meas - ured, love un -

66 D G Bm Asus G/B Bm G D Asus
 told! 4. Come be -

V.4 D *Hits* G Bm Asus Bm
 hold the won - drous mys - tery: slain by death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

79 G D/F# Em7 /A D /F# G F#m Bm /A
 strain Him; Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

85 G D/A G/B G Asus D
 hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes. What a

90 G F#m Bm /A G D/A G/B
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

96 Asus *Rhythm out* *Piano only* D G Bm Asus G D
 will be when He comes.

"O Great God"

♩ = 80

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it
 blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not
 now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace. Keep my

6 all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r. Let no
 know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your
 heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

10 vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
 Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me through the
 worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed. O great

14 loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more. 2. I was
 gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and
 God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

19 2. peace. 3. Help me

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