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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
April 5, 2026

**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 I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 printed above.**

Easter Greeting

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

Children’s Choir

*“Low In the Grave He Lay”*

Life of the Church

Choral Introit

*“See, What a Morning”*

Choir

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the Angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, Wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice;  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, For He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
"It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again."  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
stirring hope, bringing peace to us -  
Will sound 'til He appears, For He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And Hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!  
One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority -  
And we are raised with Him: Death is dead,  
love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him For He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

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Call to Worship

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.*

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

*"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
"Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares."  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;  
all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.  
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts received with cheer.  
He is risen, He is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;  
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 110

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"Jesus Is Lord"*

Choir

Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; Son and Savior, Holy birth.  
And at His Name every tongue will say:  
"Jesus is Lord" – the cry that echoes through creation:  
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,  
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this Bread.  
Lord, Creator, Lord of Love; Lord and Savior, Son of Love.  
Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,  
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
became accursed to bring salvation's plan.  
Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty,  
not even death could crush this King of love.  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

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## Corporate Profession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell<sup>1</sup>. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> that is He remained under the power of death until the third day (WCFLC #50)

<sup>2</sup> "catholic" means universal

## Hymn

*"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

**chorus:** *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

**chorus**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

**chorus (2 times)**

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## Scripture Reading

## Philippians 2:1-11

## Sermon

*"The Victorious Exaltation of Christ"*

## Pastor Reed

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

### Invitation to The Lord's Supper

#### 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.

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#### 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 of Confession (Silent Prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

*[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*  
*[2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the  
whole world.*

#### Prayer of Blessing

#### Distribution of the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

"Christ the Lord is ris'n 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!  
foll'wing 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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Victorious Exaltation of Christ”*  
Philippians 2:1-11

I. Christ’s State of Humiliation.

II. Christ’s State of Exaltation.

A. Resurrection.

B. Ascension.

C. Enthronement.

1. Think of examples of humble service and sacrifice in your life, then consider Christ’s humble service and sacrifice for you (Philippians 2:6-8) and how His humble service might spur you on to follow His example?
2. How would you go about talking with someone from Scripture who doubts the validity of the resurrection?
3. What practical encouragement does our Lord’s ascension and enthronement give to you? In other words, how does the reign of the exalted King in heaven inform you living?

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