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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

August 1, 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.*

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 2:5*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Philippians 2:5 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Men's Ministry Update

Bruce Hurlbut

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-4

*<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!  
<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!  
<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!*

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

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

**chorus:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship His holy name;  
sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

**chorus**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

**chorus**

And on that day when my strength is failing  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

**chorus**

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- <sup>1</sup> *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*
- <sup>3</sup> *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*
- <sup>13</sup> *Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*
- <sup>14</sup> *Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.*
- <sup>15</sup> *O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*
- <sup>16</sup> *For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*
- <sup>17</sup> *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*
- <sup>18</sup> *Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;*
- <sup>19</sup> *then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter XVI, Paragraph II

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto; that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end eternal life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

David Matlock, Deacon

Hymn

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like Thine  
can peace afford.

***refrain:*** *I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
ev'ry hour I need Thee,  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
stay Thou near by;  
temptations lose their pow'r  
when Thou art nigh.  
***refrain***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide,  
or life is vain.  
***refrain***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
teach me Thy will,  
and Thy rich promises  
in me fulfil.  
***refrain***

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son.  
***refrain***

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Awesome and compassionate God,  
You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved You.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as You come to us in mercy,  
we repent, admit our sin, and gratefully receive  
Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not  
your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

*<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

*<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk  
in them.*

### Hymn

*“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain:*** *Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
for my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
***refrain***

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
***refrain***

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
***refrain***

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
***refrain***

- <sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,*
- <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.*
- <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*
- <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
- <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*
- <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*
- <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*
- <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,*
- <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*
- <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Sermon

*“The Irony of Christian Freedom”*

Mr. Bruce Hurlbut

Hymn

*“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”*

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,  
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;  
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry;  
now in Heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,  
then anew His song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes  
*“The Irony of Christian Freedom”*  
Philippians 2:1-11



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