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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 11, 2024

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.

*“But as for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”
Micah 7:7*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Micah 7:7 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:9

*It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our
God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for
him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”*

Invocation

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

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Scripture Reading

John 15:1-11

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“The Prospect of Heaven Makes Death Easy”

by Isaac Watts

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign;
infinite day excludes the night, and pleasures banish pain.
There everlasting spring abides, and never-withering flowers;
death like a narrow sea divides this heavenly land from ours.
Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green:
so to the Jews old Canaan stood, while Jordan rolled between.
But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross this narrow sea,
and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.
Oh could we make our doubts remove, these gloomy doubts that rise,
and see the Canaan that we love, with unobscured eyes;
could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er,
not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood, should fright us from the shore.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.
We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ
came to be merciful to the poor.
Strengthen our faith and trust in You.
We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.
We are weak in faith; strengthen us.
We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You
that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24:46-47

*[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."*

Hymn

"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance- see His love forever proved.
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Scripture

Micah 7:1-7

Sermon

“The Prophet’s Lament”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

refrain: *It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Prophet’s Lament”
Micah 7:1-7

I. Grieving the Corruption (v. 1-4a)

II. Warning of Chaos (v. 4b-6)

III. Proclaiming Confidence (v. 7)

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