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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

August 16, 2020

Covenant's Mission Statement

Covenant seeks to glorify God by <u>Establishing</u> Disciples biblically, <u>Engaging</u> Culture redemptively, <u>Expanding</u> 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,

confessional by adhering to the Westminster Standards, missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and relational by encouraging families to build community.

"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Isaiah 57:15

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 57:5 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 24

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
- ² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Invocation

Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean in Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

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Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

- 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.
- ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"
- 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
- ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
- ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.
- ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your quilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."
- ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Hymn

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

(sheet music pg. 8)

Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul Not what my toiling flesh has borne, can make my spirit whole Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone O Christ, can ease this weight of sin Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within Thy love to me O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak
Thy power alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do
No strength save that which is divine, can bear me safely thru.

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love divine And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb My unbelief, and all my fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, You see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care.

We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and forever. 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.

Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

(sheet music pgs. 9 & 10)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'till the storm is past safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me! All my trust on Thee is stayed, help from Thee I bring; cover my defenseless head the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee; spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:3-12

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

"The Blessedness of Low Self-Esteem"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy, still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ, still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight; be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight, be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of ov'rflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give; till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live," may I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in Your blood, nothing shall my heart confound; safely I shall pass the flood, safely reach Immanuel's ground, safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky; having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

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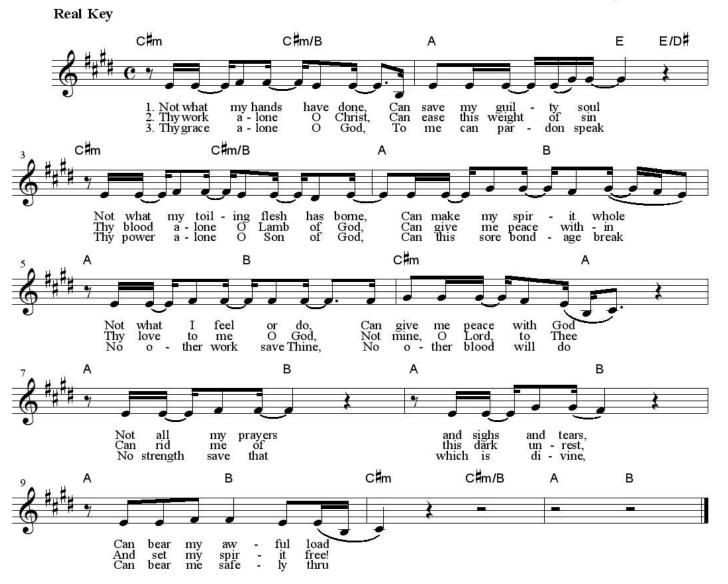
Scriptural Benediction

Sermon Outline "The Blessedness of Low Self-Esteem" Matthew 5:3-12

I. The Type of Poverty.		
II. The Extent of Poverty.		
III. The Purpose of Poverty.		

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

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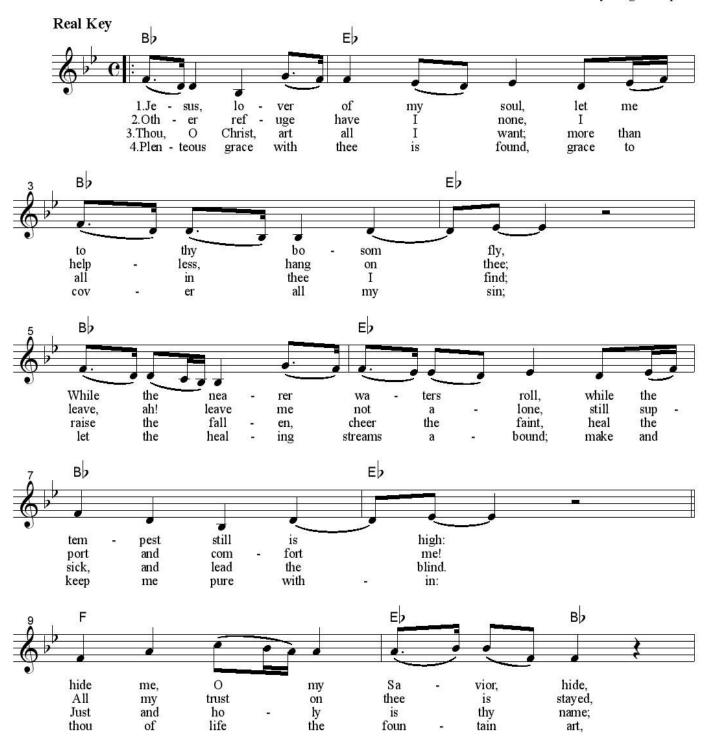


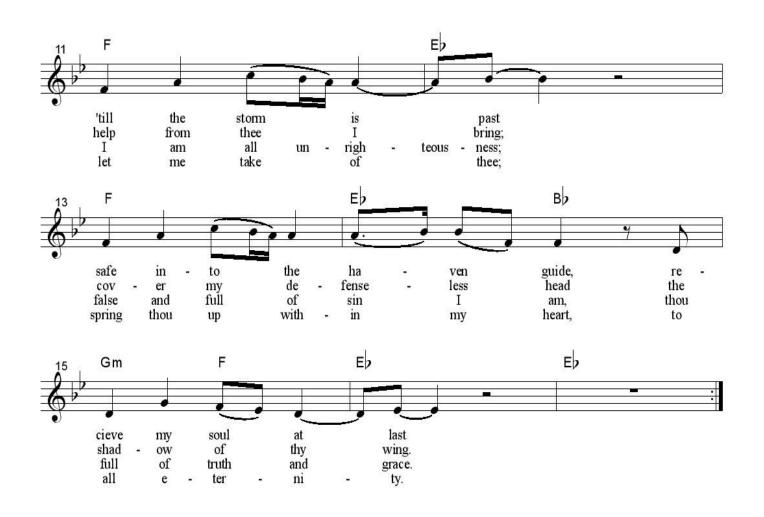
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JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

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