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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
August 17, 2025

**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.

*“What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?”  
Psalm 116:12*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Psalm 116:12 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

*[1] O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul  
thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and  
weary land where there is no water. [2] So I have looked  
upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glo-  
ry. [3] Because your steadfast love is better than life, my  
lips will praise you. [4] So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean, it its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;  
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more;  
how He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:  
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 116

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

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.

*“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**refrain:** *Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

**refrain**

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

**refrain**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
whiter than snow you may be today.

**refrain**

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Corporate Confession of Sin

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You  
with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves,  
but we are not sufficient for these things.  
We confess that our affections continually turn away from You:  
from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery,  
from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.  
Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word,  
and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts.  
Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus,  
that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

*[4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our  
iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.*

*[6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to  
his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Hymn

*“When This Passing World Is Done”*  
(to the tune Dix, “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

When this passing world is done, when has sunk yon glaring sun,  
when we stand with Christ in glory, looking o'er life's finished story,  
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When I hear the wicked call on the rocks and hills to fall,  
when I see them start and shrink on the fiery deluge brink,  
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own,  
when I see Thee as Thou art, love Thee with unsinning heart,  
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When the praise of heav'n I hear, loud as thunders to the ear,  
loud as many waters' noise, sweet as harp's melodious voice,  
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me, wakened up from wrath to flee,  
hidden in the Savior's side, by the Spirit sanctified,  
teach me, Lord, on earth to show, by my love, how much I owe.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-11

Sermon

*“The Worst and the Best” Part II*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The Worst and the Best" Part II*  
Mark 14:1-11

I. The Worst of Fallen Human Nature.

II. The Best of Redeemed Human Nature.

1. Is it possible for a person to be “neutral” (the posture of not believing in Jesus nor being hostile towards Him) towards Jesus? Why or why not. Refer to Matthew 12:30 and today’s passage. Give some modern examples of the types of people who may be “against” Jesus.
2. Think of a time when your plans did not turn out as expected. When our plans are superseded by God’s plan, how should we respond?
3. How has God’s grace made a difference in your life?
4. What does a life fully devoted to Christ look like in your life?

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