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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

*“The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”*
Exodus 15:2

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Exodus 15:2 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1-6

*[1] The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD
is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*[2] When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.*

*[3] Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though
war arise against me, yet I will be confident.*

*[4] One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.*

*[5] For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal
me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.*

*[6] And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and
make melody to the LORD.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns“

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“The Steadfast Love of Christ”

Ensemble

Once my heart was a prison, defiled and cold
Where sin and the enemy reigned
I was bound by the chains that enslaved my soul
No hint of repentance or shame
But then Jesus appeared like the morning sun
Defeating the shadows with light
And forgiveness flowed through His precious blood
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ.
Though redeemed I still battle the lies within
That silently war in my soul
In my weakness I yield to the power of sin
And desperately cry out for hope
But then grace rushes in like a mighty flood
New strength to engage in the fight
And I taste the freedom the cross has won
Through the steadfast love of Christ.
All the world is accursed and in sorrow still
As heartache and suffering remain
But the hope of creation will be fulfilled
Our Savior is coming to reign
I believe in the justice of God the Son
I know faith will turn into sight
Every tear stain dried, every wound undone
By the steadfast love of Christ.
TAG: All of Heaven will quake when we see our King
The Lamb on the throne, lifted high
We'll behold in awe and forever sing
Of the steadfast love of Christ
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Andrew Kinzler, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 9:27-28

*[27] And just as it is appointed for man to die once,
and after that comes judgment,*

*[28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to deal with sin
but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

The LORD’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
You have given us a sure hope and future,
yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things:
money, family, success, pleasure.
Forgive us for breaking Your Law and putting these things ahead of You.
By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on Your promises
and to lead holy lives as we await Christ’s return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

*[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and
transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in
whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Hymn

“Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near”

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior’s promise hear,
His faithful Word, you can believe, that as your days- your strength shall be.

chorus: *So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle’s fierce, but the victory’s won;
God shall supply all that you need. Yes, as your days- your strength shall be.*

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the conflict should be long,
the Lord will make the tempter flee, that as your days- your strength shall be.

chorus

Should persecution rage and flame, still trust in your Redeemer’s name;
in fiery trials you shall see, that as your days- your strength shall be.

chorus

When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
or deep distress or poverty, still as your days- your strength shall be.

chorus

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Scripture

Micah 7:8-17

Sermon

“The Prophet’s Song”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh when the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home;
And day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Prophet’s Song”
Micah 7:8-17

I. Professing Faith (v. 8-10)

II. Promising Hope (v. 11-13)

III. Petitioning the Lord (v. 14-17)

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