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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

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*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.

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"*  
Psalm 103:1

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 103:1 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

*3 Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!*

*4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand, guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading His Wings to o'er shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

Hymn

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

**Q.** *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

**A.** *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.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:1-7

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

<sup>1</sup> *I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything,*

<sup>2</sup> *but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.*

<sup>3</sup> *In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.*

<sup>4</sup> *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

*5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

*6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

*7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Hymn

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

(sheet music pg. 8)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!"  
I came to Jesus and I drank from that life giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me thy morn' shall rise and all thy days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in my daily life.

My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ.

Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
 what Father so tender is calling us home  
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
 our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
 stronger than darkness New every morn'  
 our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
 His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
 we stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
 our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
 stronger than darkness New every morn'  
 our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

*(2nd time chorus) Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
 stronger than darkness New every morn'  
 our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
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 our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

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## Scripture Reading

## Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup> *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

<sup>2</sup> *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

<sup>3</sup> *who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,*

<sup>4</sup> *who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love  
 and mercy,*

<sup>5</sup> *who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

<sup>6</sup> *The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.*

<sup>7</sup> *He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.*

<sup>8</sup> *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in  
 steadfast love.*

<sup>9</sup> *He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.*

- <sup>10</sup> *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*
- <sup>11</sup> *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*
- <sup>12</sup> *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*
- <sup>13</sup> *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*
- <sup>14</sup> *For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*
- <sup>15</sup> *As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;*
- <sup>16</sup> *for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.*
- <sup>17</sup> *But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,*
- <sup>18</sup> *to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.*
- <sup>19</sup> *The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*
- <sup>20</sup> *Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!*
- <sup>21</sup> *Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!*
- <sup>22</sup> *Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Sermon

*"The Father's Never Giving Up Love"*

Rev. Austin Royal

Hymn

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

## Observance of the Lord's Supper

### Hymn

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
ever, only, all for Thee.

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### Scriptural Benediction

### Postlude

Sermon Notes  
*"The Father's Never Giving Up Love"*  
Psalm 103

**Guest Preacher**

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# I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Words by Horatius Bonar  
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Music by Kevin Twit

Real Key

1. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,  
2. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,  
3. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,

"Come un - to me and rest  
"Be - hold I this free dark - ly world's give, light  
"I am this dark - ly world's light

Lay down O wear - y, one lay down,  
The liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty shall rise,  
Look un - to me thy mom' shall rise,

Your head up - on my and breast "  
Stoop down all thy days and be live!"  
And all thy days and be bright."

I came to Je - sus, as I was,  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank,  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found,

So wear - y, worn, and sad  
From that life - giv star, - ing my stream  
In Him my star, my sun

I found in Him my, rest - ing place, And He has made me glad  
My thirst was quenched my, soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of, life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

# His Mercy is More

Words and Music by  
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Slowly ♩. = 44

N.C. F B♭sus2 F Csus Dm

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - ni - scient, all kno - wing, He  
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His

B♭add9 Csus Fadd9 Gm7 F/A B♭

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; \_\_\_\_\_  
 call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; \_\_\_\_\_ } Our  
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; \_\_\_\_\_

B♭ F F F/A B♭ F

**Refrain** ⌘

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

Csus F/A B♭ F C B♭ F Csus C Dm

to CODA ◊

His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our

1. [to verse]

B $\flat$  F C F B $\flat$ /F

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. 2. What

2.

B $\flat$  F C Fadd9 FSus

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

[to verse] 3. D.S. [refrain] al Coda

Fadd9 FSus B $\flat$  F C F F/A

3. What sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

**♻️ CODA**

B $\flat$  F C F FSus F

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

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