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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

August 22, 2021

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.

"[Jesus Christ] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possessions who are zealous for good works."

Titus 2:14

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Titus 2:14 printed above.

Life of the Church

Grandparent Summit Announcement

Dan and Nancy Butkowski

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Invocation

Hymn

(sheet music pg. 8)

"Arise, O God, and Shine"

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
and earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:1-8

¹ *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

² *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,*

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

³ *the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”*

⁴ *John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

⁵ *And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.*

⁶ *Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.*

⁷ *And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.*

⁸ *I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

Isaiah 6:3

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

Hymn

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut His glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we are thankful that Your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life
so that we may desire what is good,
love what You love, and do what You command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

- ¹³ *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*
- ¹⁴ *by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought,
every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life; ‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

final chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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Scripture

Malachi 2:17-3:5

^{2:17} *You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”*

^{3:1} *“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.*

² *But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.*

³ *He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.*

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Sermon

"A Date with Justice"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for, I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Date with Justice”
Malachi 2:17-3:5

I. The God of justice will come (v.2:17-3:1).

II. God will purify (v.2-4).

III. God will punish (v.5).

"Arise, O God and Shine"

Words by William Hurn
Music by Chris Miner

C F C

1. Arise, O God, and shine
2. Bring distant nations near
3. Put forth Thy glorious pow'r,
4. To God, the one ly Wise,

3 A m C G

in all Thy sav - ing might, And
to sing Thy glo - rious - - - praise; Let
that eve - ry - one may see And
the one im - mor - tal King. Let

5 C F C

pros - per each de - sign
eve - ry peo - ple hear
earth pres - ent her store,
hal - le - lu - jahs rise,

7 A m C G

to spread Thy glo - rious light;
and learn Thy ho - ly ways.
in con - verts born to Thee.
from eve - ry liv - ing thing;

9 F A m G F

Let heal - ing streams of mer - cy flow
Reign, might - y God, as - sert Thy cause,
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
Let all that breathe, on eve - ry coast,

11 F A m G F F

that all the earth Thy truth may know.
and gov - ern by Thy right - eous laws.
and fill the world with right - eous - - - ness.
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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