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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 23, 2026

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.

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.”
Titus 2:11

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Titus 2:11 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:5b-6

*[1:5b] To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
[6] and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be
glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;
for wonders great by him are done, His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;
before the heathen's wond'ring sight He has revealed His truth and right.

He called to mind His truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice,
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise His name.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms His glory raise;
with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing and shout before the Lord, the King.

Let earth be glad, let billows roar and all that dwell from shore to shore;
let floods clap hands with one accord, let hills rejoice before the Lord.

For lo, He comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand;
in justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Steve Nielson, Deacon

Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in 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, nevermore;
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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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

Isaiah 43:1, 25

*[1] But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.*

*[25] “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.*

Hymn

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, Your love has met Your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O Risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.

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Scripture Reading

Titus 2:11-15

Sermon

“Motivation for Godliness”

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
“Motivation for Godliness”
Titus 2:11-15

I. Past Grace (v.11, 14a)

II. Present Growth (v.12, 14b-15)

III. Future Glory (v.13)

1. How might you increase in your understanding of the grace of God so that you might grow in holiness?
 2. What sin(s) might you be struggling to renounce or where might you need to start living in holiness?
 3. Read 2 Peter 3:11-13. How does Peter agree with Paul that the hope of glory spurs believers toward holiness?
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