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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 27, 2023

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.

[9] And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, [10] and you have made them kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:9-10

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Revelation 5:9-10 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-5

*[1] May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,*

*[2] that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

*[3] Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!*

***[4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.***

[5] Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Invocation

Hymn

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Hymn #381

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
death is coming, hell is moving - can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him:
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior - tell them that he will be found;
sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too;
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

*[[1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
 [2] Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
 [3] Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
 [4] For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
 [5] For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
 [6] Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 [7] Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
 [8] Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
 [9] Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
 [10] Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
 [11] Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 [12] let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 [13] before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

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

from Revelation 5

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
 for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people
 for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
 and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth
 and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!
 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
 and glory and might forever and ever!

Hymn

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray, Your Kingdom come.

chorus: *Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,
so that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
till Your sovereign work on earth Is done. Let Your Kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

chorus

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O merciful God, full of compassion and of great pity,
who spares us from the fullness of suffering
when we deserve punishment.
Make us earnestly to repent.
Make the remembrance of our sin so burdensome
that we may flee to you with a troubled spirit and contrite heart.
O merciful Lord, visit, comfort, and relieve us that we might live
toward your glory and for grace toward others.
Cast us not from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us,
but excite in us true repentance that receives the righteousness of Jesus.
Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

*[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so
that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an
advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

*[2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours
only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Out of the depths I cry to You
in darkest places I will call
incline Your ear to me anew
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways
how could I come before Your throne
yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

chorus: *I will wait for You, I will wait for you
on Your Word, I will rely. I will wait for You,
surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone
take courage in His power to save
completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave.

chorus

Now He has come to make a way
and God Himself has paid the price
that all who trust in Him today
find healing in His sacrifice.

chorus

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*[7] Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed,
from Galilee and Judea*

*[8] and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around
Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came
to him.*

*[9] And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the
crowd, lest they crush him,*

*[10] for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him
to touch him.*

*[11] And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and
cried out, “You are the Son of God.”*

[12] And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with fervent pray'r; the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with one accord; with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song; the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise
to Christ belong.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Heart for the Mission of the Church”
Mark 3:7-12

I. Jesus' Heart for Sinners

II. Jesus' Heart for the World

III. Jesus' Heart of Compassion

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