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*Gospel Centered*  
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 families to build community.

*“And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying,  
‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.  
For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”*  
Jeremiah 31:34

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Jeremiah 31:34 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Ministry Update

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:1-5

*<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.*

*<sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—  
you are my God.*

*<sup>3</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.*

*<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my  
soul.*

*<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love  
to all who call upon you.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“The Tender Love a Father Has”  
(to the tune Azmon, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)*

The tender love a father has for all his children dear,  
such love the Lord bestows on them who worship Him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust, and all our frailty knows;  
man's days are like the tender grass, and as the flow'r he grows.

The flow'r is withered by the wind that smites with blighting breath;  
so man is quickly swept away before the blast of death.

Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,  
displayed to all who do His will and reverence His Name.

Those who His gracious cov'nant keep the Lord will ever bless;  
their children's children shall rejoice to see His righteousness.

## Psalm 40

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.*
- <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!*
- <sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.*
- <sup>6</sup> In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.<sup>[a]</sup> Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.*
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:*
- <sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."*
- <sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance<sup>[b]</sup> in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.*
- <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.*
- <sup>11</sup> As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!*
- <sup>12</sup> For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.*
- <sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!*
- <sup>14</sup> Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!*
- <sup>15</sup> Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"*
- <sup>16</sup> But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"*
- <sup>17</sup> As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!*

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Come Before His Presence with Singing”*  
by John Purifoy

Choir

Come before His presence with singing  
and shouts of joy to all of the earth,  
let the rivers clap their hands and  
let the mountains sing together now for joy!  
Come and make a joyful noise to the  
Rock of our salvation, now let us come into His presence,  
make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Songs of praise.

Come before His presence with singing  
and shouts of joy to all of the earth,  
let the rivers clap their hands and  
let the mountains sing together now for joy!  
Come before His throne and sing.  
Let the sound of praises ring.  
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing,  
let them sing together for joy!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 4:9-11

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Hymn

*“God Be Merciful to Me”*

God be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;  
plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Saviour art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

## 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

Psalm 103:8-14

*8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor  
will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with  
us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so  
great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as  
far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our  
transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to  
his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who  
fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we  
are dust.*

### Hymn

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

***refrain:*** *Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With His blood He purchased me;  
on the cross He sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.

***refrain***

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,  
how the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.

***refrain***

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.

***refrain***

- <sup>1</sup> For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.
- <sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?
- <sup>3</sup> But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.
- <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- <sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ<sup>[a]</sup> came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;
- <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”
- <sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),
- <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.
- <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- <sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.
- <sup>12</sup> But when Christ<sup>[b]</sup> had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,
- <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.
- <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
- <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
- <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”
- <sup>17</sup> then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”
- <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hymn

*“All Must Be Well”*

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation: all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow; all is well.  
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus ev’ry need supplying,  
yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Good Things of Christ ”*  
Hebrews 10:1-18

I. The Shadow of Good Things.

II. The True Form of Good Things.



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