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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 30, 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.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.”

Ephesians 2:4-5

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Ephesians 2:4-5 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

[30] And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [31] so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Invocation

Hymn

“God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”

God, my King, Thy might confessing, ever will I bless Thy name;
day by day Thy throne addressing, still will I Thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befiteth; who His majesty can reach?
Age to age His work transmitteth; age to age His pow’r shall teach.

They shall talk of all Thy glory, on Thy might and greatness dwell,
speak of Thy great acts the story, and Thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem’ry’s treasure works by love and mercy wrought;
works of love surpassing measure; works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all His works His goodness prove.

All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; Thee shall all Thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess Thee, and proclaim Thy sovereign pow’r.

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Scripture Reading

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Hymn

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul
Not what my toiling flesh has borne, can make my spirit whole
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone O Christ, can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within
Thy love to me O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak
Thy power alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do
No strength save that which is divine, can bear me safely thru.

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love divine
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace, I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light
‘Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper,
born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my
faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought,
my chain that holds me captive.
Yet Your compassions yearn over me, Your heart hastens to my rescue,
Your love endured my curse, Your mercy bore my justice.
Let me walk in humility, bathed in Your blood, tender of conscience,
living in triumph as an heir of salvation through Your blessed name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,*

[8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Hymn

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame
You rose, the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your Name.
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Scripture Reading

Titus 2:15-3:8

Sermon

“Imitating Godliness”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Imitating Godliness”
Titus 2:15-3:8

I. Our proper conduct (v.1-2)

II. Our previous condition (v.3)

III. God’s powerful causing (v.4-8a)

1. Read Romans 12:18, Galatians 6:10, and Hebrews 12:14. How do these remind us of our call to godly conduct today?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How can these verses about your condition prior to Christ encourage you to godliness today?
3. How is God's transforming work of grace in your life leading you to imitate Him more and more?

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