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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
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*"To build a faithful community of joyful disciples."*

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Covenant is **biblical** by affirming the Bible as the authoritative Word of God,  
**connectional** by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),  
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**relational** by encouraging the church family to build community.

"So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."  
Mark 2:28

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Mark 2:28 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-4

*[1] How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! [2] My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. [3] Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. [4] Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

"Come, People of the Risen King"

(sheet music pgs. 8&9)

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

***refrain:*** *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

***refrain***

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age; "Our God is all in all."

***refrain***

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 21:1-6

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

*[1] Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" [2] And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place.*

[3] Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.” [4] And the priest answered David, “I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women.” [5] And David answered the priest, “Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?” [6] So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Take My Life and Let It Be”*  
music by Henri A.C. Malan  
arr. by Sharon Wilson

Mike Walsh, piano  
Rachel Bennet, cello  
David Beuerman, violin

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 58

*What is required in the fourth commandment?*

The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Hymn

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of darkness fear,  
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song,  
through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

*2:23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.  
 [24] And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"  
 [25] And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him:  
 [26] how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"  
 [27] And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.  
 [28] So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."*

*3:1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand.  
 [2] And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.  
 [3] And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here."  
 [4] And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.  
 [5] And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.  
 [6] The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.*

Sermon

*"Jesus, The Lord of the Sabbath"*

Pastor Reed

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

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.

## Invitation to The Lord's Supper

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you and to one another,  
that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;  
and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

### Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33-34

*[33] "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*[34] 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."*

#### Prayer of Blessing

#### Distribution of the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

For all the saints who from this labors rest  
to Thee by faith before the world confess  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed  
alleluia, Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
alleluia. Allelu!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on His way,  
alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest  
coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
alleluia! Allelu!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“Jesus, The Lord of the Sabbath”*  
Mark 2:23-3:6

I. God's Beneficial Command.

II. The Pharisee's Restrictive Interpretation.

III. Jesus' Authoritative Observances.

# Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 108)

C C/E F C/E F C/E G F C C/E

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your  
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of  
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will  
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His  
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in.  
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -  
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G

1. 2.

joyce! Re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tonguere - joyce! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

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Come, People of the Risen King (Hymnal)



24 C C C

3.  
Dm G Gsus C

joyce!

2.Come, Church of Christ, re - joyce!  
3.Come,

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# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Words by William H. How  
Music by Christopher Miner

Musical score for 'For All the Saints' in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has chords D, G, and D. The second system has chords A, G, D, and A. The third system has chords Bm, A, G, D, and A, and is marked 'Last Time To Coda'. The lyrics are:

1. For all the saints who from this la - bor's rest to thee by -  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their  
 3. O may thy sold - iers faith - ful, true, and bold, Fight as the

faith be - fore the world con - fess thy name O Je - sus be for -  
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their  
 saints who no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's

e - ver - blessed al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.  
 one true light. al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.  
 crown of gold. al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu.

Musical score for 'Alleluia' in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of one system of music with lyrics underneath. The chord is A. The lyrics are:

lu - ia.

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Allelu.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia. Alleluia.

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