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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
February 21, 2021

A special welcome to our guests!

We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. If you have any questions about Covenant or the Presbyterian Church in America, please speak to the Pastor or a member of the Session. Please register your attendance by completing the card in the pew rack and placing the card in the offering plate.

Words of Encouragement to the Worshiper

Corporate worship is the pinnacle of the Christian life each week. The Session encourages the congregation to approach worship reverently and joyfully. Please turn cell phones off or on vibrate mode during the service. The Session supports parents training their children to worship by having them in the service. In the event younger children are unable to remain quietly in the service a cry room in the back of the Sanctuary is available as well as the space in the foyer. For families needing additional space, the Fellowship Hall is available. A feed of the service is provided to enable families to still participate in the worship service.

A Note on Giving

We want to encourage members and regular attenders to continue to give in spite of the recent changes. Giving can be done online through our website. For those who wish to give in person, there is a box in the back of the sanctuary where you can place your tithes and offerings.

Covenant's Wi-Fi Information

Name: CovenantWiFi_Congregation
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Covenant's Mission Statement

*Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.*

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.*

** Indicates to please stand if able*

"Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
John 3:3

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 3:3 printed above.

PRELUDE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 29:11-13

[11] For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. [12] Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. [13] You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

INVOCATION

*HYMN

"Come Thou Almighty King"

Hymn #101

Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
help us to praise! Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend! Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy
Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every
heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

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My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

Refrain

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' His blood.

Refrain

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He cam to save;
For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

Refrain

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Kevin Breniman, Ruling Elder

[22] "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. [23] And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. [24] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. [25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. [28] You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (ESV)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Kevin Breniman, Ruling Elder

CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

David Matlock, Deacon

HYMN

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
'Finished!' the victory cry.

chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
won through Your selfless love!

final chorus: This the power of the cross Son of God — slain for us.
What a love, what a cost we stand forgiven at the cross.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for

*HYMN

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears
before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

*chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

chorus

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*SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

SERMON

Pastor Reed

"Saved to the Uttermost: Effectual Calling and Regeneration"

*HYMN

"Grace! 'Tis a Charming Sound"

Hymn #462

Grace! 'tis a charming sound, harmonious to my ear;
heav'n with the echo shall resound, and all the earth shall hear.

Grace first contrived a way to save rebellious man,
and all the steps that grace display which drew the wonderous plan.

Grace taught my wandering feet to tread the heav'nly road
and new supplies each hour I meet while pressing on to God.

Grace all the work shall crown through everlasting days;
it lays in heav'n the topmost stone, and well deserves the praise

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*SCRIPTURAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able*

Sermon Outline
"Saved to the Uttermost: Effectual Calling and Regeneration"
Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Ability Lost (vv. 1-3).

II. Ability Restored (vv.4-5).

III. Effectually Called (vv. 6-10).