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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
February 11, 2024

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.

*“I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*
John 10:11

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 10:11 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Invocation

*Hymn *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How
oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

[11] *“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.*

[12] *As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.*

[13] *And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.*

[14] *I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.*

[15] *I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.*

[16] *I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.*

[17] *“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.*

[18] *Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?*

[19] *And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?*

[20] *“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.*

[21] *Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,*

[22] *I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

[23] *And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.*

[24] *And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.*

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“How Beautiful”

by Twila Paris/arr. by Craig Courtney

Choir

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that choose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice:
that we will live just as He died,
willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the radiant Bride
who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: *Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

refrain

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

refrain

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.

refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we confess that we have not trusted You with our whole heart;
we have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes;
in our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged You
and so our paths have been crooked before You.

Forgive us our sins and teach us by Your Spirit to fear You
and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

[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.

Hymn

“Satisfied”

All my life long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning
of the thirst I felt within.

chorus: *Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings
through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me
‘till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better
only still to hunger on.

chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches
something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered ‘round me
only mocked my soul’s sad cry.

chorus

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
my Redeemer is to me.

chorus

[30] The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

[31] And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

[32] And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

[33] Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

[34] When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

[35] And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.

[36] Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

[37] But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

[38] And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

[39] Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

[40] So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

[41] And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.

[42] And they all ate and were satisfied.

[43] And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow’r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The One, True Shepherd”
Mark 6:30-43

I. The Rest of the Shepherd.

II. The Compassion of the Shepherd.

III. The Provisions of the Shepherd.

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