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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
February 12, 2023

**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 will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."  
John 14:18*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 14:18 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 149:4-6, 9

*4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats 9 Praise the Lord!*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

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 pow'r.

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

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 32:9-20

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

*<sup>9</sup> You women who are so complacent, rise up and listen to me;  
you daughters who feel secure, hear what I have to say!*

*<sup>10</sup> In little more than a year you who feel secure will tremble;  
the grape harvest will fail, and the harvest of fruit will not come.*

*<sup>11</sup> Tremble, you complacent women; shudder, you daughters who feel secure! Strip off your fine clothes and wrap yourselves in rags.*

*<sup>12</sup> Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vines*

*<sup>13</sup> and for the land of my people, a land overgrown with thorns and briers— yes, mourn for all houses of merriment and for this city of revelry.*

*<sup>14</sup> The fortress will be abandoned, the noisy city deserted; citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever, the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,*

*<sup>15</sup> till the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.*

*<sup>16</sup> The LORD's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field.*

*<sup>17</sup> The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.*

*<sup>18</sup> My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.*

*<sup>19</sup> Though hail flattens the forest and the city is leveled completely,*

*<sup>20</sup> how blessed you will be, sowing your seed by every stream, and letting your cattle and donkeys range free.*

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

Choir

I will worship with all of my heart.  
I will praise You with all of my strength.  
I will seek You all of my days.  
I will follow all of Your ways.  
I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.  
I will bow down, hail You as King.  
I will serve You, give You everything.  
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.  
I will trust You, trust in You alone.  
I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.  
I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.  
I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.  
You alone are worthy of my praise.  
You alone are worthy of my praise!

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 4:13-15

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,  
because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent  
his Son to be the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God abides in him, and he in God.

Hymn

*“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

(sheet music pgs. 8 & 9)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, help from Thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number,  
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,  
and of neglect to seek You in my daily life.  
My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations,  
but I thank You that they will not stand against me,  
for all have been laid on Christ.  
Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins,  
everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me,  
everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

*<sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.  
<sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.  
<sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.*

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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Scripture

John 14:15-31

- <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands.*
- <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—*
- <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*
- <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*
- <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.*
- <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.*
- <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”*
- <sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”*
- <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*

*24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*

*25 “All this I have spoken while still with you.*

*26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

*27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

*28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.*

*29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.*

*30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,*

*31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. “Come now; let us leave.*

Sermon

*“The Comfort of the Spirit’s Coming”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Comfort of the Spirit’s Coming”*  
John 14:15-31

I. The Spirit of Truth (v. 17)

II. The Spirit who Transforms (v. 23)

III. The Spirit as Teacher (v. 26)

# JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Words by Charles Wesley  
Music by Greg Thompson

Real Key

B $\flat$  E $\flat$

1. Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than;  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to

3 B $\flat$  E $\flat$

to thy bo - som fly,  
help - less, hang on thee;  
all in I find;  
cov - er er all my sin;

5 B $\flat$  E $\flat$

While the nea - rer wa - ters roll, while the  
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup -  
raise, the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and

7 B $\flat$  E $\flat$

tem - pest and still is high:  
port and com - fort me!  
sick, and lead the with blind.  
keep me pure with in:

9 F E $\flat$  B $\flat$

hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
All my and trust on thee is stayed,  
Just and of ho - ly the is thy name;  
thou of life the foun - tain art,

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11 F Eb

'till the storm is past  
 help from thee I bring;  
 I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
 let me take of thee;

13 F Eb Bb

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, re -  
 cov - er my de - fense - less head the  
 false and full of sin I am, thou  
 spring thou up with - in my heart, to

15 Gm F Eb Eb

cieve my soul at last  
 shad - ow of thy and wing.  
 full of truth and grace.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

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