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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
February 20, 2022

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.

*“Whoever believes in him is not condemned,
but whoever does not believe is condemned already,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”
John 3:18*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 3:18 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Invocation

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

*² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates
day and night.*

*³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its
season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

*⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous;*

*⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked
will perish.*

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

*²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work
together for good, for those who are called according to his
purpose.*

*²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be
conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might
be the firstborn among many brothers.*

*³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those
whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified
he also glorified.*

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

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to
hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to
name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has be-
come for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a
past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we
can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more
in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of
the world. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who
are in Christ Jesus.*

² *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ
Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

³ *For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*

⁴ *in order that the righteous requirement of the law might
be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit.*

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I Stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Scripture

Hebrews 2:1-4

- ¹ *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*
- ² *For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,*
- ³ *how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,*
- ⁴ *while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.*

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
“Hold Fast in Christ: Such a Great Salvation”
Hebrews 2:1-4

I. A Greater Message.

II. A Greater Testimony.

III. A Greater Warning and Hope.

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