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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.”
Malachi 4:2a

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Malachi 4:2a printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

John 3:16, 17

*[16] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
[17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Invocation

Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

*[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
[3] to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.*

[4] They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

[5] Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

[6] but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

[7] Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

[8] For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

[9] Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

[10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. by Cindy Berry

Choir

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Give Him praise!
To God be the glory, great things He hath done.
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer, the promise of God;
the vilest offender, who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our vict'ry when Jesus we see, when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be exploited;
rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all- a healing stream- flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

refrain: *In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.
We have tried to heal ourselves.
Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to work off our guilt.
We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.
When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.
Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to change through our own efforts.
We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
This has left some of us arrogant.
This has left most of us anxious and depressed.
Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
Forgive us for neglecting your grace.
Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24:46-47

[46] "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

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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Scripture

Mark 6:53-56

[53] When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

[54] And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him

[55] and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

[56] And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace!”

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Responding to Jesus”
Mark 6:53-56

I. Recognizing Jesus.

II. Encountering Jesus.

III. Imploring Jesus.

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