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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

January 10, 2021

*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.*

*"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable."*

Psalm 145:3

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 145:3 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

*<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"O Worship the King"*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!  
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,  
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
 Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee,  
 though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
 only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
 perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

*<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.*

*<sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.*

*<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,*

*<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

*<sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,*

*<sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,*

*<sup>28</sup> for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."*

*<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.*

*<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,*

*<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."*

Congregational Prayer

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*What is God?*

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Hymn

*“O Great God”*

O great God of highest heav’n occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your Name through me.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves;  
though You should rule us, we control ourselves;  
though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.  
We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,  
Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not!  
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.  
Now heal our confused minds with Your word,  
heal our divided wills with Your law,  
heal our troubled consciences with Your love,  
heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,  
all for the sake of Your Son,  
who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

*3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*

*4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

*7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.*

*8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

## Hymn

*“Nothing but the Blood”*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain:*** *O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain***

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain***

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain***

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***refrain***

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## Scripture Reading

## Job 40:6-41:34

*40:6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: 7 “Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. 8 Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? 9 Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? 10 “Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor. 11 Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him. 12 Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand. 13 Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below. 14 Then will I also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can save you.*

*15 “Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox. 16 Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. 17 He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. 18 His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron. 19 “He is the first of the works of God; let him who made him bring near his sword! 20 For the mountains yield food for him where all the wild beasts play. 21 Under the lotus plants he lies, in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh. 22 For his shade the lotus trees cover him; the willows of the brook surround him. 23 Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened; he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth. 24 Can one take him by his eyes, or pierce his nose with a snare?”*

*41:1 “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? 2 Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? 3 Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words? 4 Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever? 5 Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls? 6 Will traders bargain over him? Will they divide him up among the merchants? 7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears? 8 Lay your hands on him; remember the battle - you will not do it again! 9 Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him. 10 No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me? 11 Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine. 12 “I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame. 13 Who can strip off his outer garment? Who would come near him with a bridle? 14 Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. 15 His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal. 16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them. 17 They are joined one to another; they clasp each other and cannot be separated. 18 His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn. 19 Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth. 20 Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. 21 His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth. 22 In his neck abides strength, and terror dances before him. 23 The folds of his flesh stick together, firmly cast on him and immovable. 24 His heart is hard as a stone, hard as the lower millstone. 25 When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; at the crashing they are beside themselves. 26 Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin. 27 He counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood. 28 The arrow cannot make him flee; for him, sling stones are turned to stubble. 29 Clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rattle of javelins. 30 His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire. 31 He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. 32 Behind him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be white-haired. 33 On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear. 34 He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride.”*

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

**refrain:** *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

**refrain**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

**refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

**refrain**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"God Is Great"*  
Job 40:6 - 41:34



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