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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 14, 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.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*  
Matthew 5:4

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Matthew 5:4 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-6

*[1] The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. [2] Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. [3] Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. [4] He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: [5] "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" [6] The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"*

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by him are done, His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;  
before the heathen's wond'ring sight He has revealed His truth and right.

He called to mind His truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;  
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice,  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise His name.

For lo, He comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand;  
in justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

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Scripture Reading

James 4:1-10

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

*[1] What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?*

*[2] You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.*

*[3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

*[4] You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

*[5] Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?*

*[6] But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

*[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*[8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

*[9] Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.*

*[10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Choir

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 Thine befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, see 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.  
Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith II.I

"There is but one only, living, and true God,  
who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit,  
invisible, without body, parts, or passions;  
immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty,  
most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute;  
working all things according to the counsel of his own  
immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory;  
most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,  
abundant in goodness and truth,  
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;  
the rewarder of them that diligently seek him;  
and withal, most just, and terrible in his judgments,  
hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty."

*“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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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, give us a deeper repentance,  
 a horror of sin, a dread of its approach.  
 Help us to flee it.  
 We have no Master but You, no law but Your will,  
 no delight but Yourself, no wealth but what You give,  
 no good but what You bless, no peace but what You bestow.  
 We are nothing but what You make of us,  
 we have nothing but what we receive from You.  
 We can be nothing but that grace adorns us.  
 Quarry us deep, dear Lord,  
 and then fill us to overflowing with living water. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12-13

*[12] “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; [13] and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.*

Hymn

*“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

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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Scripture

Micah 1:8-16

*[8] For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked;  
I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches.*

*[9] For her wound is incurable, and it has come to Judah;  
it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.*

*[10] Tell it not in Gath; weep not at all; in Beth-le-aphrah roll yourselves  
in the dust.*

*[11] Pass on your way, inhabitants of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame; the  
inhabitants of Zaanan do not come out; the lamentation of Beth-ezel shall  
take away from you its standing place.*

*[12] For the inhabitants of Maroth wait anxiously for good, because  
disaster has come down from the LORD to the gate of Jerusalem.*

*[13] Harness the steeds to the chariots, inhabitants of Lachish; it was  
the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for in you were found the trans-  
gressions of Israel.*

*[14] Therefore you shall give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath;  
the houses of Achzib shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel.*

*[15] I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah;  
the glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.*

*[16] Make yourselves bald and cut off your hair, for the children of your  
delight; make yourselves as bald as the eagle, for they shall go from you  
into exile.*

Sermon

*“A Song of Sorrow”*

Pastor Coyle

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.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
“*A Song of Sorrow*”  
Micah 1:8-16

I. The Prophet’s Intention (v.8-9)

II. The Prophet’s Lamentation (v.10-15)

III. The Prophet’s Invitation (v.16)

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