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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 families to build community.

*“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”
Psalm 27:1*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 27:5 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4, 26-29

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*
² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.*
²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Invocation

Hymn

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor’ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel’s God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris’ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor’ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.*
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*
- 7 The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.*
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*
- 10 All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*
- 12 They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.*
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*
- 15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,*
- 16 the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"*
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.*
- 18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.*
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.*
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.*
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*
- 23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
- 25 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!*

“Grace Us, O Lord”
by Joseph M. Martin

Choir

Grace us Almighty God. Grace us with Thy presence.
Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with your grace.
As we gather here to worship we bring songs of thanks and praise.
Now we lift our hearts together and we celebrate as one the gift of grace.
Grace us Almighty God. Grace us with Thy presence.
Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, grace us with your power.
Come Lord Jesus, grace us with Your grace.
Come, Lord Jesus, grace us with Your grace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, 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

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;
we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done,
and the good we have left undone.
Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger,
and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You!
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken,
give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.
Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us
until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Medication (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.

Hymn

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build, my Shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Thy Name refresh my soul in death.

- ¹ *Let brotherly love continue.*
- ² *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*
- ³ *Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.*
- ⁴ *Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*
- ⁵ *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*
- ⁶ *So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*
- ⁷ *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*
- ⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Sermon

"Holding Fast in Christ and the Virtuous Life"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Holding Fast in Christ and the Virtuous Life”
Hebrews 13:1-8

Those who persevere in holding fast in Christ by faith are those who...

I. Love the brethren.

II. Pursue holiness.

III. Imitate leaders.

IV. Depend wholly on Christ.

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