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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 16, 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.

*"When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."  
Psalm 94:19*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 94:19 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

*14 Since then we have great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
within the kingdom of His might, Lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God, with me,  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,  
To God all praise and glory!

## Romans 5:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,*
- <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,*
- <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

## Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

## Corporate Profession of Faith

## From Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"Let All the World Rejoice"*  
by Joseph M. Martin

Choir

Praise to the Lord- all people adore Him.  
Praise to the Lord- ye heavens above.  
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.  
Let all the nations give honor and glory to God.  
Praise to the Lord- all people adore Him.  
Praise to the Lord- ye heavens above.  
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.  
Let all the nations give honor and glory to God.  
Let all the world rejoice and sing.  
Let ev'ry voice sing praises to the King.  
He is our rock. He is our fortress.  
He alone is worthy of our praise.  
Praise to the Lord- all people adore Him.  
Praise to the Lord- ye heavens above.  
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.  
Let all the nations give honor and glory to God.  
Praise to the Lord- all people adore Him.  
Praise to the Lord- ye heavens above.  
Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.  
Let all the nations give honor and glory to God.  
Let all the world rejoice!

Hymn

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow’r:  
He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,  
without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:  
not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;  
this He gives you, this He gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! th’incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;  
venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

words by Joseph Hart/music by Matthew Smith/CCLI 209271

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)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

*4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to  
his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,  
6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope  
of eternal life.*

*“Be Still, My Soul”*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shall you better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 13

*<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you  
hide your face from me?*

*<sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my  
heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?*

*<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes,  
lest I sleep the sleep of death,*

*<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice  
because I am shaken.*

*<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your  
salvation.*

*<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

*“A Song in Calamity”*

Hymn

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

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 Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek 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.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow’r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“A Song in Calamity”*  
Psalm 13

I. The lament of the soul (v. 1-2).

II. The longing of the sorrowful (v. 3-4).

III. The love of the Lord (v. 5-6).

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