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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

January 23, 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.

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."

1 Timothy 1:15

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Timothy 1:15 printed above.**

Prelude

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:1-2

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Invocation

Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know.

Romans 3:9-20

⁹ What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good, not even one.”

¹³ “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“How Great Thou Art”
arr. by Grouse/Kirkland

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Hymn

“Jesus I Come,”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

words by William Sleeper/music by Greg Thompson/CCLI 209271
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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

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: *Oh! 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 Je-
sus;
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 Je-
sus.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 14

To the choirmaster. Of David.

¹ *The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt,
they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.*

² *The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

³ *They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good, not even one.*

⁴ *Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the LORD?*

⁵ *There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the
righteous.*

⁶ *You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.*

⁷ *Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the
fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.*

“A Song of Contemplation”

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r:
raise Thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Public Domain

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

5:00 pm Prayer and Communion Service

Sermon Outline
“A Song of Contemplation”
Psalm 14

I. Considering the Fool

II. Considering the Lord

III. Considering Salvation

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