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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

January 24, 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.*

*“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.”*
Hebrews 7:25

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Hebrews 7:25 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Missions Conference Report

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-4

*¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on
earth.*

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

*⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with
him in glory.*

Invocation

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.

My faith has found a resting place,
 from guilt my soul is freed;
 I trust the ever living One,
 His wounds for me shall plead.
 I need no other argument,
 I need no other plea,
 'Cause it is enough that Jesus died,
 and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
 this ends my fear and doubt;
 A sinful soul I came to Him,
 He'll never cast me out.
 I need no other argument,
 I need no other plea,
 'Cause it is enough that Jesus died
 and that He died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
 the written Word of God;
 Salvation by my Savior's name,
 salvation through His blood.
 I need no other argument,
 I need no other plea,
 'Cause it is enough that Jesus died,
 and that He died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick,
 the lost He came to save;
 For me His precious blood He shed,
 for me His life He gave.
 I need no other argument,
 I need no other plea,
 'Cause it is enough that Jesus died,
 and that He died for me.

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*²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors
 of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden
 idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.*

²¹ Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

²² “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

²⁴ “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.

²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.”

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Not what my hands have done
 can save my guilty soul;
 Not what my toiling flesh has borne
 can make my spirit whole.
 Not what I feel or do
 can give me peace with God;
 not all my prayers,
 and sighs and tears
 can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,
 can ease this weight of sin.
 Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
 can give me peace within.
 Thy love to me O God,
 not mine, O Lord, to Thee
 can rid me of
 this dark unrest,
 and set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God,
 to me can pardon speak;
 Thy power alone O Son of God,
 can this sore bondage break.
 No other work, save Thine,
 no other blood will do,
 No strength save that
 which is divine,
 can bear me safely thru.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.
 We have tried to heal ourselves.
 Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,
 we have tried to work off our guilt.
 We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.
 When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.
 Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
 we have tried to change through our own efforts.
 We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
 This has left some of us arrogant.
 This has left most of us anxious and depressed.
 Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
 Forgive us for neglecting Your grace.
 Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:11-14

¹¹ *being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience with joy;*

¹² *giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in light.*

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

*“Not What My Hands Have Done”
(stanzas 4-5)*

(sheet music pg. 10)

I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on Love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt,
I bury in His tomb
my unbelief,
and all my fear,
each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might.
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
my God, my joy, my light.
‘Tis He who saveth me,
and freely pardon gives.
I love because
He loveth me,
I live because He lives!

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Scripture

Acts 16:30-31

³⁰ *Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to
be saved?”*

³¹ *And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,
you and your household.”*

Hymn

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Your voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
and sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send Your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing Your redeeming grace.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Rescue Like None Other”
Acts 16:30-31

I. Creation.

II. Fall.

III. Redemption.

IV. Consummation.

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891

Blayne Chastain

C#m A

My faith has found a rest - ing place,
E - nough for me that Je - sus saves,
My heart is lean - ing on the Word,
My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick,

E B C#m

From guilt my soul is freed; I trust the ev - er
This ends my fear and doubt; A sin - ful soul I
The writ - ten Word of God; Sal - va - tion by my
The lost He came to save; For me His pre - cious

A E B

liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead. I need
come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out. I need
Sav - ior's name, Sal - va - tion through His blood. I need
blood He shed, For me His life He gave. I need

C#m A

no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need

E B C#mi

no oth - er plea, 'Cause it is e - nough that Je

A E B

- sus died, And that He died for me.

C#mi A E B

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Words by Horatius Bonar
Music by Kevin Twit

Real Key

1. Not what my hands have done, Can save my guilt - ty soul
 2. Thy work a - lone O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin
 3. Thy grace a - lone O God, To me can par - don speak

3 Not what my toil - ing flesh has borne, Can make my spir - it whole
 Thy blood a - lone O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in
 Thy power a - lone O Son of God, Can this sore bond - age break

5 Not what I feel or do, Can give me peace with God
 Thy love to me O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee do
 No o - ther work save Thine, No o - ther blood will do

7 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears,
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest,
 No strength save that which is di - vine,

9 Can bear my aw - ful load
 And set my spir - it free!
 Can bear me safe - ly thru

4. I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love divine
 And with unflinching lip and heart, I call this Savior mine
 His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb
 My unbelief, and all my fear, Each lingering shade of gloom

5. I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and might
 He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light
 Tis He who saveth me, And freely pardon gives
 I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives!

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