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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 28, 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.

*“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”  
2 Corinthians 5:20*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:20 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:18-22

*[18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“O Worship the King”*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow’r has founded of old;  
has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

*[6] Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”*

*[7] How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”*

*[8] The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.*

*[9] Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.*

*[10] The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

*[11] Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.*

*[12] For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, 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

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

*[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*

*[12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*

*[13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

*[14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

*“His Mercy Is More”*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus:** *Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
stronger than darkness new every morn’  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
what Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
we stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus**

**2nd time chorus:** *Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
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Mark 6:7-13

*[7] And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.*

*[8] He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—*

*[9] but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.*

*[10] And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.*

*[11] And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”*

*[12] So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.*

*[13] And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.*

Hymn

*“Let Your Kingdom Come”*

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us so we pray, Your Kingdom come.

**chorus:** *Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
So that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
Till Your sovereign work on earth Is done. Let Your Kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

**chorus**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Apostolic Mission”*  
Mark 6:7-13

I. The Call of the Apostles.

II. The Commission of the Apostles.

III. The Commitment of the Apostles.

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