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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 29, 2023

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, andrelational by encouraging the church family to build community.

"Grace be with all of you." Hebrews 13:25

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 13:25 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

James 4:6-10

- ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Invocation

Hymn

"King of Saints"

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb, we will laud Thy lovely name; we were saved by God's decree and all our debt was paid by Thee. Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to God; take this tribute of the poor; less we can't, we can't give more.

refrain: Souls redeemed, your voices raise, sing your dear Redeemer's praise; worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are Thy ways and true; endless honors are Thy due; grace and glory in Thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.
We for whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ransomed sinner train, in this one request agree: "Spirit make us more like Thee."

refrain

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free, till we are raised to sing Your name at the great supper of the Lamb.

O that the months would roll away and bring the Coronation Day! the King of saints shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

refrain

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"My Worth is Not in What I Own"

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the costly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die:
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.
I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

refrain

Two wonders here that I confess; my worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross. **refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Zechariah 9:9-17

- 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.
- ¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword.
- ¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow will go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

- ¹⁵ The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones, and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.
- ¹⁶ On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.
- ¹⁷ For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"There Is a Balm In Gilead" arr. by Howard Helvey

Choir

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole:
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick, sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm, is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jonathan Goodwin, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

chorus: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *chorus*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. **chorus**

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe. You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive? **chorus**

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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

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 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.

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Scripture

Hebrews 13:20-21, 25

20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²⁵ Grace be with all of you.

Sermon

"A Hopeful Ending"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

chorus

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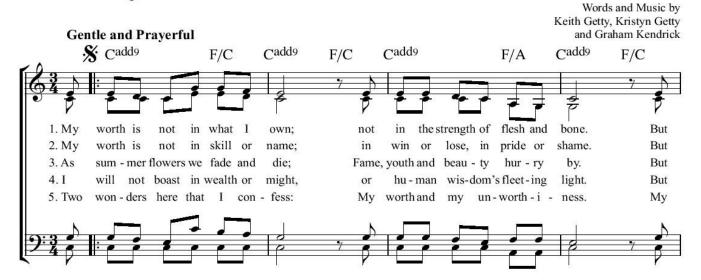
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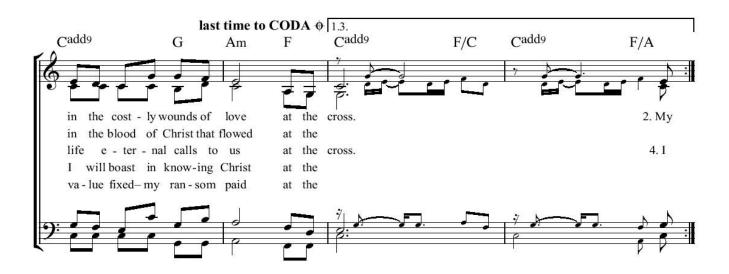
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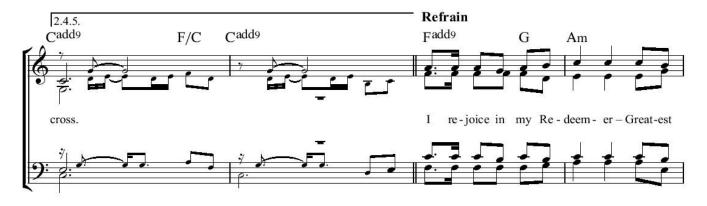
<u>Sermon Outline</u> "A Hopeful Ending" Hebrews 13:20-21, 25

I. What do we learn about God that assures us of His blessing?
II. What do we learn about Jesus that assures us He has accomplished everything needed for God's blessing?
III. What do we learn about hope that assures us of receiving God's blessing?

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