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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

January 31, 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.*

*And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad - in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls - she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."*  
Romans 9:10-13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Romans 9:10-13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:21-26

*<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.  
<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

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!

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
 born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
 our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:  
 O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
 for we have known it, the love of God outpoured  
 now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:  
 O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
 called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
 He wills us to be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
 O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
 formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
 we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:  
 yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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<sup>6</sup> *"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*

<sup>7</sup> *It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,*

<sup>8</sup> *but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

<sup>9</sup> *Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

<sup>10</sup> *and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.*

<sup>11</sup> *You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

<sup>12</sup> *"And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Hymn

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

**refrain:** *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
**refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
**refrain**

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget  
in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,  
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You  
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-26

*<sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.*

*<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

Hymn

*“All Must Be Well”*

(sheet music pgs. 8&9)

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well.  
Free and changeless in His favor, All is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation: All is well.  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit’s guiding, All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow; All is well.  
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.

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Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-6

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,*

*<sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love*

*<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,*

*<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

*“Saved to the Uttermost: God’s Sovereign Choice”*

Hymn

*“How Vast the Benefits Divine”*

How vast the benefits divine  
which we in Christ possess!  
We are redeemed from guilt and shame  
and called to holiness.  
But not for works which we have done,  
or shall hereafter do,  
hath God decreed on sinful men  
salvation to bestow.

The glory, Lord, from first to last,  
is due to Thee alone;  
aught to ourselves we dare not take,  
or rob Thee of Thy crown.  
Our glorious Surety undertook  
to satisfy for man,  
and grace was given us in Him  
before the world began.

This is Thy will, that in Thy love  
we ever should abide;  
that earth and hell should not prevail  
to turn Thy Word aside.  
Not one of all the chosen race  
but shall to heav'n attain,  
partake on earth the purposed grace  
and then with Jesus reign.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

*“Saved to the Uttermost: God’s Sovereign Choice”*  
Ephesians 1:3-6

I. Then Author of Election.

II. The Objects of Election.

III. The Position of Election.

IV. The Timing of Election.

V. The Motivation of Election.

VI. The Goal of Election.

VII. The Basis of Election.

# All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters  
alt. by Matthew S. Smith  
Music by Matthew S. Smith

E A E

1. Through the love of God our  
2. Though we pass through trib - u -  
3. We ex - pect a bright to -

6 A

Sav - ior, All will be well; Free and  
la - tion, All will be well; Ours is  
mor - row, All will be well; Faith can

9 E A

change - less is His fav - or, All is well;  
such a full sal - va - tion, All is well;  
sing through days of sor - row, All is well;

12 F#m B

Pre - cious is the blood that healed us, Per - fect  
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit - ful  
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus

15 C#m A F#m

is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to  
if in Christ a - bid - ing, Stead - fast through the Spir - it's  
ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes in liv - ing and in

18 B

1, 2.  
E

shield us, All must be well. 2. Though we  
guid - ing, All must be well. 3. We ex  
dy - ing, All must be well.



All Must Be Well 2

21 <sup>3.</sup> C#m A F#m  
well. On our Fa - ther's love re -

24 B C#m A  
ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes in

27 F#m B E  
liv - ing or in dy - ing, All must be \_\_\_\_\_ well.

30 A B E

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