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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 5, 2025

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.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Matthew 22:37-39 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*[1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
[2] Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
[3] Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
[5] For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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.

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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

“A Vision of You”
by Cindy Berry

Father, You have called me to be holy in all I do,
to perfect as You are perfect, to keep my eyes fixed on You.
So let me love so that all the world may see
that Jesus lives and loves through me.
Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.
Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.
May I reflect Your glory; may my heart be faithful and true.
May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.
Through the darkness of night, let me shine as Your light.
Through the power of our Spirit, let me love as Jesus loves.
Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.
Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.
May I reflect You glory; may my heart be faithful and true.
May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Andrew Kinzler, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 5:1-5

- [1] Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*
[2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.
[3] For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.
[4] For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
[5] Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean, it its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more;
how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

"The Steadfast Love of Christ"

Once my heart was a prison defiled and cold,
where sin and the enemy reigned
I was bound by the chains that enslaved my soul;
no hint of repentance or shame
But then Jesus appeared like the morning sun,
defeating the shadows with light
And forgiveness flowed through His precious blood,
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ

Though redeemed, I still battle the lies within
that silently war in my soul
In my weakness I yield to the power of sin
and desperately cry out for hope
But then grace rushes in like a mighty flood,
new strength to engage in the fight
And I taste the freedom the cross has won
through the steadfast love of Christ

All the world is accursed and in sorrow still,
as heartache and suffering remain
But the hope of creation will be fulfilled:
Our Savior is coming to reign
I believe in the justice of God the Son,
I know faith will turn into sight
Every tear stain dried, every wound undone
by the steadfast love of Christ

TAG: All of heaven will quake when we see our King,
the Lamb on the throne lifted high
We'll behold in awe and forever sing
of the steadfast love of Christ
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ,
Oh, the steadfast love of Christ

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart,
soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves,
but we are not sufficient for these things.
We confess that our affections continually turn away from You:
from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery,
from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.
Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word,
and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts.
Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus,
that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"A Life Empowered by Love"
Mark 12:28-34

I. The Question.

II. The Answer.

III. The Response.

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