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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

*"For it is written,
"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."
Matthew 4:10*

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Matthew 4:10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship Isaiah 44:6-8

[6] Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. [7] Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. [8] Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

Romans 1:18-32

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

*[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness
and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the
truth. [19] For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God
has shown it to them.*

[20] For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. [21] For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Claiming to be wise, they became fools, [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. [24] Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, [25] because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. [26] For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; [27] and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. [28] And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. [29] They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, [30] slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, [31] foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. [32] Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
words and music by Thomas A. Dorsey

Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon 3

[4] "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

[5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Hymn

"The Lord Reigns in Majesty (Psalm 99)"

The Lord God reigns in majesty; let all the nations quake.
He dwells between the cherubim; let earth's foundations shake.
Supreme in Zion is the Lord, exalted gloriously.
All nations, praise His name with awe: the Holy One is He.

The mighty King loves justice well, and equity ordains;
He rules His people righteously and faithfulness maintains.
O magnify the Lord our God, let Him exalted be;
In worship at His footstool bow: the Holy One is He.

When priests and prophets called on God, He their petitions heard.
His cloudy pillar led them on, and they obeyed His word.
Tho' sending judgments for their sins, He pardoned graciously.
Exalt the Lord and worship Him: the Holy One is He.

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Scripture

Micah 1:2-7

[2] Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it, and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

[3] For behold, the LORD is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

[4] And the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.

[5] All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

[6] Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards, and I will pour down her stones into the valley and uncover her foundations.

[7] All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, all her wages shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste, for from the fee of a prostitute she gathered them, and to the fee of a prostitute they shall return.

Sermon

“A Day in the Lord’s Court”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved You
with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength.
We admit that our hearts are full of idols.
Even when we worship You, we are half-hearted;
our thoughts of You are too small; we make You
in our own image rather than worship You in spirit and in truth.
Thank You that You have saved us and make us
true worshipers through Jesus Christ.
By Your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives
in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22

*[21] Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel,
for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my
servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.*

*[22] I have blotted out your transgressions like a
cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I
have redeemed you.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

chorus: *Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

chorus

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Installation of Officer

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Day in the Lord’s Court”
Micah 1:2-7

I. The Judge Descends (v.2-4)

II. The Accusation Declared (v.5)

III. The Verdict Delivered (v.6-7)

Service of Installation

Installation

Deacon

Dr. David Matlock (class of 2026)

The warrant and nature of the Office of Elder and Deacon

Rev. Derek Coyle

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Rev. Derek Coyle

- (1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- (2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- (3) Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- (4) Do you accept the office of elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
- (5) Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- (6) Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?
(Book of Church Order, 24-5)

Constitutional Question to the Congregation

Rev. Derek Coyle

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?
(Book of Church Order, 24-5)

Declaration of Installation

Charge to the Officer

Charge to the Congregation

The Right Hand of Fellowship by the Session

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Mr. Josh Sanford
Dr. Brandon Walser

Class of 2025
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Mr. Dan Butkowski
Dr. Bob Tramel

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Rev. Derek W. Coyle, Associate Pastor

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