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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 8, 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, and
relational by encouraging families to build community.

*"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him."
Psalm 62:5*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 62:5 printed above.

Life of the Church

Ministry Report

Jeff Rooker

Call to Worship

Psalm 59:16-17

¹⁶ But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

¹⁷ O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

Invocation

Hymn

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose - our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
but soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
 What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
 And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
 O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
 Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
 And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
 and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

“This Is My Father’s World”
arr. by John Leavitt

Choir

*This is my Father’s world and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and around me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas: His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair; in rustling grass I
hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev’rywhere.
This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world:
why should my heart be sad the Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad! Alle, Alleluia!*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Corporate Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Psalm 103:8-12

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

“Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to order and provide;
 in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
 to guide the future as He has the past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
 and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
 then shall you better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
 Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
 from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
 when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
 when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Scripture

Job 13:1-16

¹ *“Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.*

² *What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.*

³ *But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God.*

⁴ *As for you, you whitewash with lies; worthless physicians are you all.*

⁵ *Oh that you would keep silent, and it would be your wisdom!*

⁶ *Hear now my argument and listen to the pleadings of my lips.*

⁷ *Will you speak falsely for God and speak deceitfully for him?*

- ⁸ Will you show partiality toward him? Will you plead the case for God?
- ⁹ Will it be well with you when he searches you out? Or can you deceive him, as one deceives a man?
- ¹⁰ He will surely rebuke you if in secret you show partiality.
- ¹¹ Will not his majesty terrify you, and the dread of him fall upon you?
- ¹² Your maxims are proverbs of ashes; your defenses are defenses of clay.
- ¹³ "Let me have silence, and I will speak, and let come on me what may.
- ¹⁴ Why should I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand?
- ¹⁵ Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.
- ¹⁶ This will be my salvation, that the godless shall not come before him.

Sermon

"Though He Slay Me, Still I Shall Hope in Him"

Mr. Jordan Washington

Hymn

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
 I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
 For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

chorus: *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
 Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
 Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
 Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

chorus

Keith Getty/CCLI 209271

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes

“Though He Slay Me, Still I Shall Hope in Him”

Job 13:1-16

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Music by Keith Getty,
 Matt Boswell, Jordan Kaufflin,
 Matt Merker and Matt Papa
 Choir and Orch. Arranged by
 John Langley and Paul Campbell

Steadily ♩ = 76


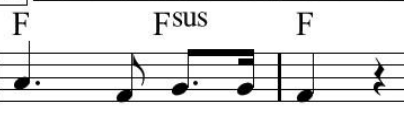
Timp. / Cym. Roll

Intro


Driving, open groove / Kit: S.D. ♩s + Kick ♩s

N.C.  F⁵  B^bsus² 

V.1 Piano Diamonds / Kit: Sparse Tom & Sticks Groove

5  F FSUS F FSUS F 

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-

9  CSUS C F/C F C/E Dm B^b F/C C F  + Bass / Gtr.

lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our

14  Am Dm Gm⁷ F/A B^b 

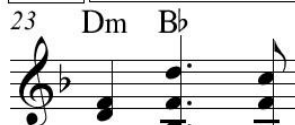

days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-mand? And what will

18  F/C C⁷ Dm B^b F/C C⁷ F FSUS F 

keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. _____ O

Ch.1 Kit: Hit Chord accents within groove

Groove

23  Dm B^b F C/E Dm F/A B^b 

sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing hal-le-

28  F/A B^b F/A C B^b Dm⁷ C 

lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and

L.1 As intro

32  F F⁵ B^bsus² 

death. What truth can

V.2 Kit: Add ghosty S.D. 

36 F FSus F FSus F C F/C F C/E
 calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and good-ness

41 Dm Bb F/C C F Am **44**
 known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-

45 Dm Gm7 F/A Bb F/C C7
 rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us

49 Dm Bb F/C C7 F *f* Ch.2 Hit accents as Ch.1 Dm Bb F C/E C
 nigh Un-to the shore, the rock of Christ? O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e-

55 Dm F/A Bb F/A Bb F/A C Bb Hit accents
 ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our

60 Dm7 C L.2 As intro F F5 Bbsus2
 hope in life and death. Un-to the

V.3 Breakdown - Piano / H.H. light time, accent on 3
 65 F FSus F FSus F C F/C
 grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re -

69 F C/E Dm Bb F/C C F *mf* Am **73** Band IN, building to Ch.3
 ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the

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