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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 10, 2022

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.

*The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”*
Psalm 110:4

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 110:4 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

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

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

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

⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Invocation

Hymn

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

(sheet music pg. 8)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

Genesis 14:17-24

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

¹⁹And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor^[a] of heaven and earth;

²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself."

²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,

²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

"I Asked the Lord"

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and ev'ry grace,
might more of His salvation know and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray and He I trust has answered prayer,
but it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request,
and by His love's constraining pow'r subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart,
and let the angry pow'rs of Hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe,
crossed all the fair designs I schemed, humbled my heart and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this," I trembling, cried, "wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"
"Tis in this way" the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free,
and break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou may'st find thy all in Me."

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:5-7

*5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his
grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

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

Hebrews 7:1-14

¹ *For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,*

² *and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.*

³ *He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.*

⁴ *See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!*

⁵ *And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.*

⁶ *But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.*

⁷ *It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.*

⁸ *In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.*

⁹ *One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,*

¹⁰ *for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.*

¹¹ *Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?*

¹² *For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.*

¹³ *For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.*

¹⁴ *For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.*

Sermon

“A Greater Priesthood”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(sheet music pg. 10)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made and praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessing abound where're He reigns the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest and all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power death and the curse are known no more
In Him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring his grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Greater Priesthood”
Hebrews 7:1-14

I. The Identity of Melchizedek

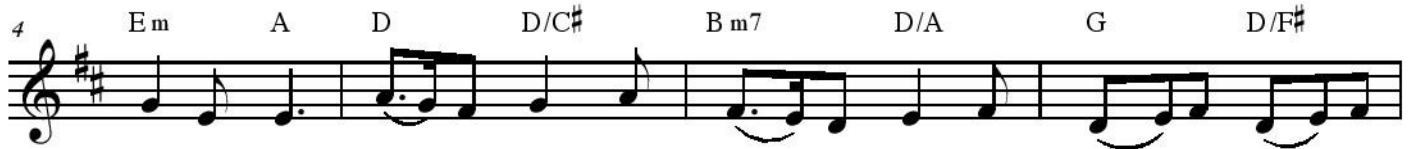
II. The Significance of Melchizedek

III. The Greatness of Melchizedek’s Priesthood

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to
 3. Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, Sets the mourn - ing
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru
 be his aid; He is blest whose hope of bless - ing On the Lord his
 pris'ner free, Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, Makes the sight - less
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glor' - ous prais - es, Of my God thru



all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, Nor for help on
 God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, Seas and all that
 eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, And the stran - ger
 all my days. O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, Thru all ag - es



man de - pend; He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,
 they con - tain; He de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,
 He be - friends, Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,
 He is King; Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on,



And his pur - pos - es shall end.
 Right - eous - ness He will main - tain.
 Judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Words by William Kirkpatrick
 Based on Psalm 146
 Music by Darwin Jordan

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"I Asked the Lord"

John Newton, 1779

Traditional

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and
2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I
3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour at once He'd
4. In - stead of this He made me feel the hid - den
5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed in - tent to
6. "Lord, why is this," I, trem - bling, cried; "Wilt Thou pur -
7. "These in - ward tri - - als I em - ploy from self and

love and ev - 'ry grace, might more of
trust has an - swered prayer, but it has
an - - - swer my re - quest and by His
e - - - vils of my heart and let the
ag - - - gra - vate my woe, crossed all the
sue Thy worm to death?" "'Tis in this
pride to set thee free, and break Thy

His sal - va - tion know and seek more
been in such a way as al - most
love's con - strain - ing pow'r sub - due my
an - - - gry pow'rs of Hell as - sult my
fair de - signs I schemed, hum - bled my
way," the Lord re - plied, "I an - swer
schemes of earth - ly joy that thou may'st

ear - - - nest - ly His face.
drove me to de - spair.
sins and give me rest.
soul in and ev - 'ry part.
heart, and laid me low.
prayer for thy grace and faith."
find thy all in Me."

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Based on Psalm 72
 Words by Isaac Watts
 Music by John Hatton

Intro

Am G F G Am G F G

C F C F G Am D G

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2. For Him shall end - less prayer be made
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev' - ry tongue
 4. Bless - ing a - bound wher - e'er He reigns

C F C Dm C G

Does His suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 And prais - es throug - to crown His head
 Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
 The pris - her leaps to lose his chains

E/G# Am Am/G F C/E G

His king - dom spread from shore to shore,
 His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
 And in - fant voi - ces e - shall pro - claim
 The wea - ry find ter - nal - claim rest

C F G Am F C G Am G

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice
 Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 And all the sons of want His are blessed

F G Am G F G

5. Where He displays His healing power
 Death and the curse are known no more
 In Him the tribes of A dam boast
 More blessings than, their father lost

6. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
 His grateful honors to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

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 Kit: Hit Chord accents
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* Dm Bb F C/E C **Ch.2** Hit accents as Ch.1
 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

74 **Dm** **Gm⁷** **F/A** **B \flat** **F/C** **C \sharp ^o**

Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less

78 **Big build...** **Dm** **B \flat** **F/C** **C⁷** **F** **ff** **Ch.3** **Stop on 2!** **Dm** **B \flat**

joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. O sing ha - le -

83 **Big Groove! (+ Tamb.)** **F** **C/E** **DSus** **Dm⁷** **F/A** **B \flat** **F/A** **B \flat**

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

88 **F/A** **C** **B \flat** **Dm⁷** **C** **F**

ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death. O

92 **Ch.4** **Bass / Pno. L.H.:** **Dm** **B \flat** **F** **F/A** **C** **C/E** **Dm** **F/A** **B \flat**

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

97 **End** **F/A** **B \flat** **F/A** **C** **B \flat** **Dm⁷** **C** **B \flat sus2**

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

102 **rall.** **Diamonds** **Fills ad lib.** **F/C** **F/A** **B \flat** **Dm⁷** **C/E** **F** **Fsus** **F**

ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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