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Gospel Centered

CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

July 11, 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.*

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his..”
Romans 6:4-5

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Romans 6:4-5 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20-22

*²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
²¹ For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.*

Invocation

Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymn #34

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love:
Jehovah! great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, For ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys At his right hand:
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And him my only portion make, My Shield and Tower.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne, To heav'n ascend:
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace For evermore.

The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest;
There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow, With mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, The Lord our righteousness;
Triumphant over the world and sin, The Prince of Peace
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom still maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light For ever reigns.

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high;
Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, They ever cry:
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays
All might and majesty are thine, And endless praise.

¹ The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³ Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

⁷ He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Congregational Prayer

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offertory

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior Divine;
 Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
 O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
 My zeal inspire;
 As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
 Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
 Be thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen
 stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:3-7

³*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,*
⁴*even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love*
⁵*he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,*
⁶*to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*
⁷*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,*

Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Hymn #345

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know.

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sermon

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
A New Life in Christ*

Pastor Reed

Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in thee may I be found,
Still for thee my pow'rs employ.

Let thy love my heart inflame;
Keep thy fear before my sight;
Be thy praise my highest aim;
Be thy smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
Freely from thy fullness give;
Till I close my earthly race,
May I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in thy blood,
Nothing shall my heart confound;
Safely I shall pass the flood,
Safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give
To the land of cloudless sky;
Having known it "Christ to live,"
Let me know it "gain to die."

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
A New Life in Christ*

Colossians 3:1-4

I. A New Life Orientation in Christ.

II. A New Life Ambition in Christ.

III. A New Life Security in Christ.

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