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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 14, 2024

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 calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them,
"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me."*

Mark 8:34

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Mark 8:34 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-25

[19] Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Invocation

Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 3:21-26

- [21] But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
[22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
[24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
[25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
[26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves,
taken up the cross and followed You.
Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear,
we have grown callous to the needs of the poor,
the lonely and the suffering.
We have not cared about those who are without Christ
and without hope in this world.
Lord forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of Your Spirit,
we might live in light of Your coming again. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the
righteous for the unrighteous, that he
might bring us to God, being put to death
in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.*

Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought,
every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life; ‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

final chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Scripture

Mark 8:31-9:1

Sermon

“A Costly Way”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too;
human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue.
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, twill but drive me to Thy breast;
life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;
in Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee;
storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care'
joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine;
think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"A Costly Way"
Mark 8:31-9:1

I. The Necessity of the Cross.

II. The Offense of the Cross.

III. The Way of the Cross.

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