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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 families to build community.

‘My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.’

1 John 2:1-2

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 1 John 2:1-2 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-3

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Invocation

Hymn

“Father. Long Before Creation”

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 110

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

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!

- 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,[a] in holy garments;[b] from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.[c]*
- 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

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Lift Thine Eyes"

Ladies' Chorus

Lift Thine eyes, O lift Thine eyes,
to the mountains, whence cometh,
whence cometh, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy Keeper will never slumber,
will never slumber, never slumber.

Lift Thine eyes, O lift Thine eyes,
to the mountains, whence cometh,
whence cometh, whence cometh help.
whence cometh, whence cometh,
whence cometh help.

Words and Music: Felix Mendelssohn
(from his oratorio "Elijah") / CCLI 209271

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-5

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.*

Hymn

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we thank You for Your gracious promise
of eternal life through Christ.

We confess that we have stored up treasures on earth,
rather than in heaven;
we have not fixed our eyes on Your coming kingdom;
we have sought to serve other 'gods' alongside You
like money, pleasure, security and control.

Please forgive us and cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

By Your Spirit, renew our hearts to seek You and Your kingdom
first. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

*¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together
with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*

*¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against
us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it
to the cross.*

Hymn

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: *Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
refrain

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.
refrain

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.
refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
refrain

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Scripture

Hebrews 7:15-28

- ¹⁵ *This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,*
- ¹⁶ *who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.*
- ¹⁷ *For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”*
- ¹⁸ *For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness*
- ¹⁹ *(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.*
- ²⁰ *And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath,*
- ²¹ *but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, You are a priest forever.”*
- ²² *This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.*
- ²³ *The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,*

²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost^[a] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Sermon

“Jesus, the Superior High Priest”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Jesus, My Great High Priest”
(to the tune Darwall, “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”)*

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the Throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown
put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Jesus, the Superior High Priest”
Hebrews 7:15-28

I. An Indestructible High Priest.

II. A Uniquely Qualified High Priest.

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