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Gospel Centered
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 the church family to build community.

“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”
1 Corinthians 16:13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 16:13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-6

*[1] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
[2] The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
[3] He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
[4] He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
[5] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
[6] The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
in His arms He carries them all day long:

refrain: *Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness,
praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;
crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong:

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-19

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 26

How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,
the light of the world You reigns now and forevermore. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

*[18] “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

Hymn

"We Rest on Thee"

"We rest on Thee" - our shield and our defender! We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender, "We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender, "We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."

Yea, "in Thy name," O Captain of salvation! In Thy dear name, all other names above;
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation, our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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"We go" in faith, our own great weakness feeling, and needing more each day Thy grace to know:
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing, "We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing, "We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."

"We rest on Thee" - our shield and our defender! Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor, victors - we rest with Thee, through endless days.
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Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 4

Sermon

"Nehemiah's Strategy to Meet the Threat"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, His banners go.

refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

refrain

Like a mighty army moves the church of God; brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
we are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

refrain

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain;
gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

refrain

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King; this through countless ages men and angels sing.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Nehemiah’s Strategy to Meet the Threat”
Nehemiah 4

I. Pray and Build.

II. Pray and Guard.

III. Remember and Arm.

IV. Confidence and Watchfulness.

- 1) What does Nehemiah’s strategy, prayer and action, tell us about living the Christian life?
- 2) How does 1 Corinthians 16:13 reflect Nehemiah’s strategy of prayer and action?
- 3) Where in your life do you need to employ Nehemiah’s strategy?

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