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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 the church family to build community.

*"And you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."
Colossians 2:10*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Colossians 2:10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

[11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. [13] And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

God, my King, Thy might confessing, ever will I bless Thy name;
day by day Thy throne addressing, still will I Thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth; who His majesty can reach?
Age to age His work transmitteth; age to age His pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all Thy glory, on Thy might and greatness dwell,
speak of Thy great acts the story, and Thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought;
works of love surpassing measure; works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all His works His goodness prove.

All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; Thee shall all Thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess Thee, and proclaim Thy sovereign pow'r.

[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

[3] to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

[4] They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

[5] Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

[6] but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

[7] Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

[8] For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

[9] Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

[10] I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have
first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

(sheet music pg. 9)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!"
I came to Jesus and I drank from that life giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me thy morn' shall rise and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

[21] And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

[22] And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

[23] And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

[24] “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

[25] But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

[26] And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

[27] And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

[28] And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

[29] And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

[30] Now Simon’s mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.

[31] And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

[32] That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.

[33] And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

[34] And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut His glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while His dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us
through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son.
But we confess today that we often live like slaves.
Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid You in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts.
Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains.
Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas.
Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

[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. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Jesus, the Sovereign Authority”
Mark 1:21-34

I. Jesus' Sovereign Authority to Teach

II. Jesus' Sovereign Authority to Cast Out Demons

III. Jesus' Sovereign Authority to Heal Disease

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

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Real Key

1. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
2. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
3. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,

3 "Come un - to me and rest
"Be - hold I this free - ly give,
"I am this dark world's light

5 Lay down O wear - y, one lay down,
The liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one,
Look un - to me thy shall rise,

7 Your head up - on my breast."
Stoop down and drink days my and live!"
And all thy days be bright."

9 I came to Je - sus, as I was,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank,
I looked to Je - sus, and I found,

11 So wear - y, worn, and sad
From that life - giv - ing stream
In Him my star, my sun

13 I found in Him my, rest - ing place, And He has made me glad
My thirst was quenched my, soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of, life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

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