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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

July 18, 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.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Romans 8:12-13ESV)

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Romans 8:12-13 printed above.**

Prelude

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28–29.

[28] Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, [29] for our God is a consuming fire. (ESV)

Invocation

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymn #100

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Zephaniah 1:10–18

[10] “On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

[11] Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

[12] At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’

[13] Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

[14] The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

[15] A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

[16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

[17] I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. (ESV)

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Romans 8)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tom Fox, Deacon

Hymn

“Jesus I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13–15

[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. (ESV)

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

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Saviour! 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'ertakes 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

Scripture

Colossians 3:5-11

[5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

[6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

[7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

[8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

[9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

[10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

[11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.
(ESV)

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

"The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: The Mortification of Sin"

Colossians 3:5-11

I. The Old Self,

II. The New Self.

III. The Continual Mortification of Sin in Self.

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