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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

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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.

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:17

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Colossians 3:17 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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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- ¹ *“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.*
- ² *“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.*
- ³ *For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.*
- ⁴ *“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.*
- ⁵ *For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.*
- ⁶ *For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.*
- ⁷ *For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.*
- ⁸ *In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.*
- ⁹ *“This is like the days of Noah^[a] to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.*
- ¹⁰ *For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
 both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
 He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
 and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
 He also preserves me in such a way that without
 the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
 indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
 Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life
 and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Hymn

“*God be Merciful to Me*”

(sheet music pg. 8)

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word, and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

⁸ *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

¹⁰ *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

¹¹ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

¹² *as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

To Christ the Lord let every tongue, it's noblest tribute bring
 when He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?
 Survey the beauties of His face, and on His glories dwell,
 think of the wonder of His grace, and all His triumphs tell.

chorus: *A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring.
 Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!*

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned, upon His awful brow
 His head radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'er flow;
 No mortal can with Him compare, among the sons of men,
 and fairer He than all the fair, that fills the Heavenly train.

chorus

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief
 for me He bore the shameful cross, and carried all my grief:
 His hand a thousand blessings pours, upon my guilty head,
 His presence gilds my darkest hours, and guards my sleeping bed.

chorus

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
 He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave,
 To Heaven the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet.
 Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete.

chorus

Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine,
 had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine;
 A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring.
 Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

chorus

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Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sermon

Pastor Reed

“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Vivification: Clothed with the Virtues of Christ”

Hymn

“All for Jesus!”

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
All my being’s ransomed pow’rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings,
all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding,
let my feet run in His ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only,
let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I’ve lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit’s vision,
looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! how amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me His beloved,
lets me rest beneath His wings.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Vivification: Clothed with the Virtues of Christ”
Colossians 3:12-17

I. Our Identity.

II. Our Clothing.

III. Our Obedience.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, _____
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, _____
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; _____
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust _____

3 On thy grace I rest my plea;
 Grief and guilt I my soul truth op - press;
 Thou de - sir - est and judge - ment in,
 By thy wrath and just,

5 Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, _____
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace _____
 Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, _____
 Let my con - trite heart re - joice _____

7 Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 And pro - voked thee thy face;
 Teach thy wis - dom to hear thy heart; _____
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;

9 Wash me, Make me pure, with - in, _____
 I con - fess thy sins O judge - ment just, _____
 Make me pure, thy O grace - be - stow, _____
 From my sins O hide thy face, _____

11 Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 Wash me whit - er than the snow.
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 Make my spirit right and true
 Cast me not away from thee,
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 Thy salvation's joy impart,
 Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
 And return O God to Thee
 Savior all my guilt remove,
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,
 And my mouth shall praise accord

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TO CHRIST THE LORD

Words by Samuel Stennett
and Laura Taylor
Music by Laura Taylor

E B A B

1. To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, Its nob - lest tri - bute bring when
2. Ma - jes - tic sweet - ness sits en - throned, Up - on His aw - ful brow His
3. He saw me plunged in deep dis - tress, He fled to my re - lief For
4. To Him I owe my life and breath And all the joys I have He
5. Since from His boun - ty I re - ceive Such proofs of love di - vine, Had

6 E B A B

He's the sub - ject of the song, Who can re - fuse to sing? — Sur -
head with ra - diant glo - ries crowned, His lips with grace o'er - flow; — No
me He bore the shame - ful cross, And car - ried all my grief; — His
makes me tri - umph o - ver death And saves me from the grave; — To
I a thou - sand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine; — A

10 C#m B A E C#m B A

vey the beau - ties of His face, And on His glor - ies dwell, — think
mor - tal can with Him com - pare, A - mong the sons of me, — And
hand a thou - sand bless - ings pours, Up - on my guilt - y head, — His
Heaven the place of His a - bode, He brings my wea - ry feet, — Shows
Thou - sand men could not com - pose A wor - thy song to bring, — Yet

14 A B A B E 1-4 B

of the won - der of His grace, And all his tri - umphs — tell.
fair - er He than all the fair, That fills the Heaven - ly — train.
pre - sence gilds my darkest hours, And guards my sleep - ing — bed.
me the glor - ies of my God And makes my joy com - plete.
Your love is a mel - o - dy Our hearts can't help but —

19 A B E 5 C#m B A E C#m B

sing! A thou - sand men could not com - pose A wor - thy song to

25 A A B A B E

bring, — Yet Your love is a mel - o - dy Our hearts can't help but — sing!

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