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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 26, 2026

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.

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”*
2 Corinthians 8:9

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 8:9 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Invocation

Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven“

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.
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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Christus Victor (Amen)”

Ensemble

O Most High, King of the ages Great I AM, God of wonders
by the blood You have redeemed us led us through mighty waters.

Our strength, our song, our sure salvation
now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle You have won. Hallelujah, Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us Son of Man sent for sinners
by Your blood You have redeemed us spotless Lamb, mighty Savior

Who lived, who died, who rose victorious
with every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah, Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
on that day who will not tremble? When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever -

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice,
loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

*[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
[14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Hymn

“We Are God’s People”

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv’n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav’n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us to be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 5:1-19

Sermon

“A Crisis Averted”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Crisis Averted”
Nehemiah 5:1-19

I. The Problem Exposed.

II. The Problem Confronted.

III. The Problem Resolved.

- 1) How do you understand the problem revealed to Nehemiah in Chapter 5:1-5?
- 2) Why did Nehemiah respond with anger to this problem and how did he go about confronting it?
- 3) Why was the actions of the nobles and officials “not good” according to Nehemiah in verse 9?
- 4) How did Nehemiah go about resolving the problem?
- 5) How does Nehemiah 5 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 encourage us to be generous and compassionate towards others, especially fellow believers?

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