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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 27, 2025

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.

*“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;
he turns it wherever he will.”*
Proverbs 21:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Proverbs 21:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Nehemiah 9:5-6

*[5] “Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.
Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
[6] “You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heav-
ens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in
them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.*

Invocation

Hymn

“God, the Lord, a King Remaineth”

God, the Lord, a King remaineth, robed in His own glorious light;
God hath robed Him and He reigneth; He hath girded Him with might.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God is King in depth and height.

In her everlasting station earth is poised, to swerve no more;
Thou hast laid Thy throne's foundation from all time where thought can soar.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, Thou art for evermore.

Lord, the water-floods have lifted, ocean floods have lift their roar;
now they pause where they have drifted, now they burst upon the shore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! For the ocean's sounding store.

With all tones of waters blending, glorious is the breaking deep;
glorious, beauteous without ending, God who reigns on heav'n's high steep.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Songs of ocean never sleep.

Lord, the words Thy lips are telling are the perfect verity:
of Thine high eternal dwelling holiness shall inmate be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Pure is all that lives with Thee.

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Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 5.1

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions,
and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence,
according to His infallible knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will,
to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Hymn

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose — our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
but soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You
and for ignoring Your immensity and greatness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that You
rule the nations and our small lives.
Holy Spirit, we offend You in minimizing Your power
and squandering Your gifts.
We confess that our blindness to Your glory,
O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.
Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:11

*And such were some of you. But you were washed,
you were sanctified, you were justified in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Hymn

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss- the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life- I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 9:1-25

Sermon

"A King Introduced"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

refrain: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"A King Introduced"
1 Samuel 9:1-25

I. The Image of this King (v.1-2)

II. The Inadequacies of this King (v.3-14, 18-21)

III. The Intent of The King (v.15-16, 22-25)

1. Where might you be tempted to emphasize appearance over character (whether in leaders or not)?
2. How does Saul compare to Christ both in appearance and character?
3. How does the sovereignty of God revealed in this passage bring comfort to God's people today?

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