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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 28, 2024

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.

*“To this end we always pray for you, that our God
may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve
for good and every work of faith by his power.”*
2 Thessalonians 1:11

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Thessalonians 1:11 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Acts 17:24-28a

*[24] The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven
and earth, does not live in temples made by man, [25] nor is he served by human
hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life
and breath and everything. [26] And he made from one man every nation of
mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods
and the boundaries of their dwelling place, [27] that they should seek God, and
perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from
each one of us, [28] for ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’*

Invocation

Hymn

“Behold Our God“

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

chorus: *Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

chorus

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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 32:1-9

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, 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

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

My worth is not in what I own;
not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.
My worth is not in skill or name;
in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

refrain: *I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure
Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die:
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.
I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom’s fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.
refrain

Two wonders here that I confess;
my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross.
refrain

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.
We have tried to heal ourselves.
Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to work off our guilt.
We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.
When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.
Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to change through our own efforts.
We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
This has left some of us arrogant.
This has left most of us anxious and depressed.
Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
Forgive us for neglecting Your grace.
Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Scripture

Mark 9:14-29

Sermon

“O Faithless Generation”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine; now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*O Faithless Generation*”
Mark 9:14-29

I. Faithlessness Rebuked.

II. Faithlessness Revealed.

III. Faithlessness Remedied.

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