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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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 families to build community.

“I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Genesis 22:17-18

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Genesis 22:17-18 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for, I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"
And he said, "Here I am."

²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven

16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Beautiful Savior"
by T. Fettke

Mary Peery, pianist
Emmie Peery, violinist

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

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.

“Immovable Our Hope Remains”

Immovable our hope remains
 though shifting sands before us lie.
 The One who washed away our stains
 shall bear us safely to the skies.
 The floods may rise, the winds may beat,
 torrential rains descend,
 yet God His own will not forget;
 He'll love and keep us till the end;
 You'll love and keep us till the end.

This is eternal life: to know
 the living God and Christ, the Son.
 The Savior will not let us go
 until His saving work is done.
 Our debt was great, as was our need,
 but now the price is paid.
 Who can behold Immanuel bleed
 and doubt His willingness to save?
 We trust Your willingness to save.

The Lord acquits, who can condemn?
 Though Satan's accusations fly
 his pow'r can never reach our names
 to blot them from the Book of Life.
 The Son has surely made us free
 His Word forever stands;
 and all our joy is knowing we
 are graven on His wounded hands;
 we're graven on Your wounded hands.

Built into Christ, secure we stand,
 for with His Spirit we've been sealed.
 By grace we'll see the promised land
 where every sorrow shall be healed.
 To God who gave His only Son,
 to Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 to God the Spirit, Three-in-one,
 be songs of praise forevermore;
 we'll sing Your praise forevermore.

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Scripture

Hebrews 6:13-20

¹³ *When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,*

¹⁴ *saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.”*

- ¹⁵ *And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.*
- ¹⁶ *People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.*
- ¹⁷ *Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.*
- ¹⁸ *God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.*
- ¹⁹ *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,*
- ²⁰ *where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*

Sermon

“Our Hope, The Sure and Steadfast Anchor”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

refrain

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though You should rule us, we control ourselves;
though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,
Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Now heal our confused minds with Your word,
heal our divided wills with Your law,
heal our troubled consciences with Your love,
heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,
all for the sake of Your Son,
who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Our Hope, The Sure and Steadfast Anchor”
Hebrews 6:13-20

I. The Example of Faith

II. The Guarantee of Faith

III. The Anchor of Faith

IMMOVABLE OUR HOPE REMAINS

Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)
 Alt. words by Bob and Brittany Kauflin

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♩ = 72 G D/F# G D C G Em G/B D G

1. Im - mov - a - ble our hope re - mains though shift - ing sands be - fore us lie. The
 2. This is e - ter - nal life: to know the liv - ing God and Christ, the Son. The
 3. The Lord ac - quits, who can con - demn? Though Sa - tan's ac - cu - sa - tions fly, his
 4. Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand, for with His Spi - rit we've been sealed. By

G D/F# G D C G Em G/B D G

One who washed a - way our stains shall bear us safe - ly to the skies. The
 Sa - vior will not let us go un - til His sa - ving work is done. Our
 pow'r can nev - er reach our names to blot them from the Book of Life. The
 grace we'll see the prom - ised land where ev - ery sor - row shall be healed. To

D G Am Em Em G C G D G Am Em

floods may rise, the winds may beat, tor - ren - tial rains de - scend, yet God His own will not for - get; He'll
 debt was great, as was our need, but now the price is paid. Who can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed and
 Son has sure - ly made us free, His Word for - ev - er stands; and all our joy is know - ing we are
 God who gave His on - ly Son, to Je - sus Christ, our Lord, to God the Spi - rit, Three - in - one, be

C Am7 Bm C Em7 D G

love and keep us till the end; You'll love and keep us till the end.
 doubt His will - ing - ness to save? We trust Your wil - ling - ness to save.
 gra - ven on His wound - ed hands; we're gra - ven on Your wound - ed hands.
 songs of praise for - ev - er - more; we'll sing Your praise for - ev - er - more.

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