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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 this commandment we have from him:
whoever loves God must also love his brother."*

1 John 4:21

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 John 4:21 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

*¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

*² to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night,*

*³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*

*⁴ For YOU, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.*

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the cloud of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

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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.**

Corporate Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

John Dambaugh, Deacon

Scripture Reading

Psalm 36

Bill Scholl , Ruling Elder

*¹ Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart;
there is no fear of God before his eyes.*

*² For he flatters himself in his own eyes
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.*

*³ The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.*

*⁴ He plots trouble while on his bed;
he sets himself in a way that is not good;
he does not reject evil.*

*⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.*

*⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow
of your wings.*

*⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

*⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.*

*¹⁰ Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!*

*¹¹ Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.*

*¹² There the evildoers lie fallen;
they are thrust down, unable to rise.*

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand
 the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
 a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
 from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see
 the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
 and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess
 the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
 I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
 content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You!

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.

Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

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

⁹ *He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.*

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.*

¹³ *As a father shows compassion to his children,
 so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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Scripture Reading

Philemon 8-14

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required,

⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you - I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus -

¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.

¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)

¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.

¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel,

¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
 He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
 Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,
 in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold,
 bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
 But no grave could e’er restrain Him; Praise the Lord, He is alive!
 What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope.
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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Observance of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
 by His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
 so that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
 that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
 Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
 and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"Paul's Love"
Philemon 8-14

I. Love for Philemon (v.8-9).

II. Love for Onesimus (v.10-12).

III. Love for Unity (v.13-14).

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I glad-ly take my stand
2 Up - on that cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your sha-dow for my a - bi - ding place;

the sha-dow of a migh-ty Rock with - in a wea-ry land,
the ve - ry dy-ing form of One who suf-fered there for me;
I ask no o-ther sun-shine than the sun-shine of his face,

a home with-in the wil - der-ness, a rest up-on the way,
and from my smit-ten heart with tears two won-ders I con fess
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the bur - ning of the
the _____ won - ders of re -
my _____ sin - ful self my

noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
deem - ing love and my un - wort - hi - ness.
on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

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Real Key

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

6 give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

8 in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

10 ri - cher, full - er be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

♩ = 76 G2 Bm7 G2 Bm G2 Bm7

Piano only

Asus G2 **V.1** D *Opt. rhythm* G/D D A

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King. He, the

Bm7 G Em7 Asus D /F# G D/F# /D /C#

theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the

Bm G D G2 Em7 /A D G *Guitar in*

light of life has come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.

D G **V.2** D *Rhythm in* G Bm Asus

2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: He the per - fect Son of Man, In His

Bm G Em7 /A D G F#m

liv - ing, in His suf - fer - ing, Nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to

Bm /A G D G D/F# Em7 /A D *Rhythm out*

save the hell - bound man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.

G Bm Asus D G /B Asus

3. Come be -

V.3 Bm *Opt. bass in* A/B Bm F#m7 Bm

hold the won - drous mys - tery: Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined

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56 D/A Band build G Asus D G F#m Full

sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the

61 Bm /A G D/A G/B Asus

Fath - er's plan un - fold, Bring - ing man - y sons to glor - y: grace un - meas - ured, love un -

66 D G Bm Asus G/B Bm G D Asus

told! 4. Come be -

V.4 D Hits G Bm Asus Bm

hold the won - drous mys - tery: slain by death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

79 G D/F# Em7 /A D /F# G F#m Bm /A

strain Him; Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

85 G D/A G/B G Asus D

hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes. What a

90 G F#m Bm /A G D/A G/B

fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

96 Asus D G Bm D Asus G D Rhythm out Piano only

will be when He comes.

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