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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 5, 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.

*“And being found in human form, he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
Philippians 2:8*

Prelude

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

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5-8

[5] For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. [6] He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. [7] On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. [8] Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in the one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, be-
gotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were
made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate
by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for
us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living
and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glori-
fied; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic
church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹“catholic” means universal

Hymn

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray;
and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain,
what they gain from Thee for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 3

Sermon

“Together in the Rubble”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world.
We have loved the gifts more than the giver.
In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but You are substance;
that they are quicksands, but You are mountain; that they are shifting, but You are anchor.
We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ.
Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions,
His fullness for our emptiness, His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works,
His death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-27

[25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry;
now in Heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew His song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Together in the Rubble”
Nehemiah 3

I. The Work.

II. The Workers.

- 1) What do we learn about Nehemiah’s leadership and humility as a leader in Chapter 3?
- 2) What does Chapter 3 teach us about the church?
- 3) What is significant about the priest’s involvement in the work and what might this teach about the Lord Jesus Christ’s person and work (Philippians 2:5-11)?

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