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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
July 6, 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 LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed;  
he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established;  
it shall never be moved."*

Psalm 93:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Psalm 93:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

*[1] The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. [2] Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. [3] The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. [4] Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty! [5] Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.*

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

*"O Worship the King"*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Lucas Elior Young  
Covenant son of Bryant and Alexandra Young

Hymn

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;  
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r:  
raise Thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 13:16-25

Dan Butkowski, 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

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 1

*What is the chief and highest end of man?*

Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God,  
and fully enjoy him forever.

Hymn

*“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

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Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8

Sermon

*“Trading Kings”*

Pastor Coyle

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

### Hymn

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

**refrain:** *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
**refrain**

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
**refrain**

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.  
**refrain**

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take His servants up to their eternal home.  
**refrain**

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### Invitation to The Lord's Supper

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we have exchanged  
the truth about You for a lie;  
we have worshiped and served created things  
rather than You, our loving Creator.  
Because of this our lives are empty,  
our relationships are broken  
and we deserve your judgment.  
Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and  
cleans us from all unrighteousness.  
By Your Spirit, help us to trust in You and live for Your glory.  
We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

### Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

*[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*[10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“The Lord Almighty Reigns”*

There’s an endless song waiting to be sung  
with the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue  
when the bride of Christ on that day of days  
brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise  
like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder  
hear His people sing:

**chorus:** Hallelujah, hallelujah  
for the Lord Almighty reigns.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
for the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns.

We will join the feast rest from battles won  
tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done  
and like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder  
all the church will sing:

**chorus**

Certain of that day Christ we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the prize salvation in His name  
then greater will the anthem ring  
a mighty chorus rising to the King:

**chorus (2x)**

by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa/CCLI 209271

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"Trading Kings"*  
1 Samuel 8

I. Out With The Old (v.1-9)

II. In With The New (v.10-22)

1. Where might you be tempted to desire to be "like the nations" instead of "a holy nation"?
2. How can we be guilty of rejecting God's rule over us as our King?
3. What correction and comfort do we find knowing that Jesus is a King unlike those of the nations?

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