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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 7, 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.

*“I do not ask that you take them out of the world,
but that you keep them from the evil one.
They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”
John 17:15-17*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by
reflecting on John 17:15-17 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28-29

*[28] Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot
be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence
and awe, [29] for our God is a consuming fire.*

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

“Father, Long Before Creation”

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
and that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
and our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 2

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder₂

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
from vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day:
ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;
where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:
to him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Scripture

Mark 8:27-30

Sermon

“Standing Up and Standing Out”

Pastor Reed

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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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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 and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

*[1] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

*[2] Blessed is the man against whom the LORD
counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
Hear Him ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Standing Up and Standing Out”
Mark 8:27-30

I. Conformity to the World.

II. Confession of Christ.

III. Convictions on Christ.

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