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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
June 11, 2023

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.

"For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever."

Psalm 112:6

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 112:6 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:3-4

[3] But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

[4] Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Invocation

Hymn

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of His might, Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God, with me,
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,
to God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,
to God all praise and glory!

[16] But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

[17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

[18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

[19] Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

[20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

[21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

[23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

[24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

[25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

[26] Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Congregational Prayer

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"I Am Alive and I Can See"

by Susan Naylor Callaway

Choir

Come by here, O Lord, listen to my plea; do not pass me by for I cannot see.
 Come by here, O Lord, touch my darkened eye;
 wake my spirit from sleeping, O Lord, and do not pass me by.
 I am alive and I can see, I am alive and I can see.
 I once was blind but Jesus touched me, I am alive and I can see!
 I am alive and I can see, I am alive and I can see!
 I once was blind but Jesus touched me. I am alive and I can see!
 If you are blind and begging for a touch of light, listen to my story of how He gave me sight.
 No one else could save me, this I know is true.
 And what He did for me I know that He will do it all for you!
 I am alive and I can see, I am alive and I can see.
 I once was blind but Jesus touched me, I am alive and I can see.
 I am alive and I can see, I am alive and I can see!
 I once was blind but Jesus touched me. I am alive and I can see!
 I am alive and I can see!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

[12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

[13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

[14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

chorus: *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

chorus

Keith Getty/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hymn

"By Faith"

(sheet music on pgs. 9 & 10)

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

chorus: *We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

chorus: *We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*Oh, we will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

[1] Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?"

[2] Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

[3] Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

[4] But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."

[5] And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

[6] So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her.

[7] And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

[8] At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

[9] He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

[10] And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

[11] And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

[12] And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

[13] Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

[14] So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

[15] And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

[16] And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her,

[17] saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

[18] She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

Hymn

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

refrain: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“On the Floor of Faith”
Ruth 3:1-18

I. A Risky Plan (v.1-5)

II. A Righteous Proposal (v.6-10)

III. A Righteous Promise (v.11-18)

By Faith

Words and Music by
Keith & Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

Steadily (♩ = 76)

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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de -
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

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sign, in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

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1.3. 2.4.5.

who walk by faith and not by sight. reign.
 a place where peace and jus - tice earth. } We will stand as chil - dren of the
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. name.
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the
 for all who call up - on His

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prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the

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D.C. last time

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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