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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

June 14, 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.

*“As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days,
and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”
Nehemiah 1:4*

Prelude

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

Covenant Bible Club Children's Choir

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*[1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
[2] Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
[3] Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
[5] For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Sorrow to Joy”

Choir

I will turn your sorrow to joy; I will turn your mourning into celebration.
I will turn your silence to song; I will show My glory to every nation.
Spread a feast for everyone, rejoice in all the Lord has done. Time for singing has begun.
O God will turn your sorrow to joy, turn your sorrow to joy.
Celebrate the end of pain and sorrow. Celebrate the passing of the night.
Celebrate the promise of tomorrow. Celebrate the coming of the light.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation;
 in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.
 All things have been created through him and for him.
 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
 so that he might come to have first place in everything.
 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
 and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
 whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace
 through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Hymn

"Come, My Soul, Thy Suite Prepare"
 (stanzas 1-3)

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: Jesus loves to answer prayer;
 He himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not say thee nay;
 therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;
 for His grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much;
 none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: "Lord, remove this load of sin;
 let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt;
 set my conscience free from guilt.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O my Savior, help me.
 I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;
 I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;
 I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days,
 my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race,
 my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.
 I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes,
 grind to dust my heart of unbelief.
 Make it my highest joy to study You, meditate on You, gaze on You,
 sit like Mary at Your feet, lean like John on Your breast, appeal like Peter to Your love,
 count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn

"Come, My Soul, Thy Suite Prepare"
(stanzas 4-6)

Lord, I come to Thee for rest, take possession of my breast;
there Thy blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign;
and without a rival reign.

"While I am a pilgrim here, let Thy love my spirit cheer;
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, lead me to my journey's end;
lead me to my journey's end.

"Show me what I have to do, ev'ry hour my strength renew:
let me live a life of faith, let me die Thy people's death;
let me die Thy people's death."

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Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Sermon

"Nehemiah's Prayer"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty Word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, Who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who badd'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
and ever let there rise to Thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Nehemiah’s Prayer ”
Nehemiah 1:1-11

I. The Report.

II. The Response.

- 1) When faced with a difficulty or decision or some other inflection point in our lives, consider how you normally respond.
- 2) Read Philippians 4:4-7. What does this passage teach us about prayer?
- 3) Nehemiah was a man of action which makes his response of prayer all the more striking. What do we learn about prayer and how to pray in Nehemiah 1.

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