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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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 write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,
that you may know that you have eternal life."*

1 John 5:13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1John 5:13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-3

*[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are
above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*[2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on
earth.*

[3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Invocation

Hymn

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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What it is to pray in the name of Christ?

To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

The LORD’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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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.

[1] But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

[25] “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

refrain: *It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

1 John 5:13-17

Sermon

"Blessed Assurance"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee: thou wilt find a solace there.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"Blessed Assurance"
1 John 5:13-17

I. Assurance of Life (v.13)

II. Assurance in Prayer (v.14-15)

III. Assurance to Intercede (v.16-17)

1. What specific things has John written to strengthen your belief in Jesus Christ?
2. If you were assured that God hears your prayers, how would this change your prayer life?
3. How does John emphasize the necessity of prayer in our battle against sin, personal and corporate?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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