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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
June 23, 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.

*Jesus answered them,
“This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”
John 6:29*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 6:29 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

[3] And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

[4] Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Invocation

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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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-32

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Canticle of Hope”
(based on Isaiah 25)

Choir

Lord, You are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, You are God of the needy and the poor.
A sure defender, You are our refuge. You are the giver.
You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.
Lord, You are God, reigning in righteousness. Lord, You are God in the time of our distress.
We call on You, our sure salvation. Lord, You are faithful. You are the God who restores.
Lord, You are God, ruling in gentleness. Lord, You are God. You wipe away each tear.
You hear our every prayer. You give us comfort. You touch our hearts and calm our fears.
You are eternal. Alpha, Omega. We place our hope in You alone.
Lord, You are God, perfect in holiness. Lord, You are God.
In our darkness You are everlasting light.
A sure defender, You are our refuge. You are the Giver.
You are Jehovah. You are the God who restores.
Great is Thy faithfulness. You are the God who restores.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

- [28] And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good, for those who are called
according to his purpose.
[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
[30] And those whom he predestined he also called,
and those whom he called he also justified,
and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all- a healing stream- flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

refrain: *In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
and of neglect to seek You in my daily life.
My sins and shortcomings present me
with a list of accusations,
but I thank You that they will not stand against me,
for all have been laid on Christ.
Deliver me from every evil habit,
every interest of former sins,
everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me,
everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12-13

*[12] "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me
with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and
with mourning;*

*[13] and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.*

Hymn

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, as Thy beauty fills my soul,
for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

refrain: *Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

O how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

refrain

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
and Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
satisfies my deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
'compasseth me round with blessings, Thine is love indeed.

refrain

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;
resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

refrain

Scripture

Mark 8:1-21

Sermon

“The Leaven of the Disciples!”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”

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.

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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Leaven of the Disciples!”
Mark 8:1-21

I. A Common Need.

II. A Common Problem.

III. A Common Struggle.

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