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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

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Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

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 families to build community.

*"All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!"*

Psalm 145

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Psalm 145 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

*¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His
deeds among the peoples!*

² Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

*³ Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
LORD rejoice!*

Invocation

Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven -
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

*¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

*² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*

*³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

*⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.*

*⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

*⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

*¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

*¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,*

*¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

*¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
[The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]*

- 14 The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.*
- 15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.*
- 16 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.*
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.*
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.*
- 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.*
- 20 The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.*
- 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Hymn

“God Be Merciful to Me”

(sheet music pg. 8)

God be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgement just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true,
cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee,
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and Your people.

We have not loved You or loved our neighbor as You have commanded.

Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

refrain: Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me.

refrain

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

refrain

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

refrain

*4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,
 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,
 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.
 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.*

Sermon

“Paul’s Prayer”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
 in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
 keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow’r to free:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"Paul's Prayer"
Philemon 4-7

I. Paul's assurance of Philemon's faith (v.4-5).

II. Paul's appeal for Philemon's growth (v.6).

III. Paul's appreciation for Philemon's ministry (v.7).

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

(PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me,
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
3. I am e - vil, born in sin,
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust

On thy grace I rest my plea;
Grief and guilt - I my soul truth judge - with - in - press;
Thou de - thy - wrath and and judge - ment just,

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
Thou a lone con - my my Sav - iour art,
Let my con - trite heart re - joice

Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
And pro - voked thee to - thy face;
Teach thy wis - dom to hear my thy heart;
And in glad - ness thy voice;

Wash me, Make me pure, with in -
I con - fess thy thy judge - ment just,
Make me pure, thy thy grace be - stow,
From my sins, O hide thy face,

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
Wash me whit - er than the snow.
Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from thee,
Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

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Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
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