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# Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

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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 families to build community.

"because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God...
I also have heard you, declares the LORD."

2 Chronicles 34:27

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 2 Chronicles 34:27 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Micah 4:2, 5

Leader: "Come let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

People: We will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.** 

Hymn

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You, we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been. When perils o'ertake us, escape You will make us, and with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, to You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, to You, our great Redeemer, for ever be praise.

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- <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?
- <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.
- <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
- <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
- <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.
- <sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
- <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.
- 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
- <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,
- <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Choir

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

# Corporate Profession of Faith

# Psalm 103:8-14

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

# Hymn

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

#### refrain

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

# refrain

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.

#### refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

## refrain

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- <sup>22</sup> So Hilkiah and those whom the king had sent went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter) and spoke to her to that effect.
- <sup>23</sup> And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me,
- <sup>24</sup> Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah.
- <sup>25</sup> Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.
- <sup>26</sup> But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard.
- <sup>27</sup> because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD.
- <sup>28</sup> Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants." And they brought back word to the king.
- <sup>29</sup> Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
- 3º And the king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD.
- <sup>31</sup> And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.
- 32 Then he made all who were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin join in it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.
- <sup>33</sup> And Josiah took away all the abominations from all the territory that belonged to the people of Israel and made all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not turn away from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

# The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum thrown into a sea without bottom or shore our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more stronger than darkness new every morn' our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam what Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost we stood 'neath a debt we could never afford our sins they are many, His mercy is more. **chorus** 

(2nd time chorus) Praise the Lord His mercy is more stronger than darkness New every morn' our sins they are many, His mercy is more our sins they are many, His mercy is more our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We admit that our hearts are full of idols.

Even when we worship You, we are half-hearted; our thoughts of You are too small; we make You in our own image rather than worship You in spirit and in truth.

Thank You that You have saved us and made us true worshipers through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

## 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight; Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r: raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

# Sermon Outline "The Humble King" 2 Chronicles 34:22-33

I.	The Pronouncement of Covenant Calamity (v.22-25)
II.	The Promise of Covenant Compassion (v.26-28)
III.	The Pursuit of Covenant Commitment (v.29-32)

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