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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.

“And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed Ezra: “We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.”

Ezra 10:2

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Ezra 10:2 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Lamentations 2:21-26

[21] But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: [22] The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; [23] they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. [24] “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” [25] The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. [26] It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, He spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light; He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow’r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet, and leads us to His heav’nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 6:13-20

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“I’ll Sing the Praise of Jesus”

Choir

I’ll sing the praise of Jesus Who bore the cross for me;
His wondrous love so precious my constant theme shall be.
I’ll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
and then forever praise Him when safe within the veil.

I’ll sing His praise at morning and in the noon-day bright.
I’ll sing His praise at evening and in the hush of night.
I’ll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
and then forever praise Him when safe within the veil.

I’ll sing the praise of Jesus, on whom my hopes depend;
my everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend.
I’ll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
and the forever praise Him when safe within the veil.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-5

- [3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
[4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
[5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided - great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Ezra 10:1-17

Sermon

"Reason for Hope, In Spite of This"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,
and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

- [1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
[2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"All for Jesus!"

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

Oh what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Reason for Hope, In Spite of This”
Ezra 10:1-17

I. Promises Made.

II. Promises Kept.

- 1) What is at stake with our sin?
- 2) How are we to root out sin in our lives and in our church?
- 3) Read Hebrews 6:13-20. How does this passage encourage you to hope in spite of your struggle with sin?

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