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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 the church family to build community. "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." 1 John 5:4

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 1John 5:4 printed above.

Life of the Church

Ministry Update

Covenant Bible Club Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Jude 24-25

[24] Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, [25] to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Invocation

Hymn

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**refrain:** *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ, rejoice!* 

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **refrain** 

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age; "Our God is all in all."

refrain

Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend/CCLI 209271

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Mary Carol Pederson, STEP Ministries

**Congregational Prayer** 

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

# Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

When I gaze into the night sky and see the works of Your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space, but what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels; You have put him in charge of all creation, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man, Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him? O Lord, our God. The majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise Him perfectly, and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Choir

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

"Forever Trusting in the Lord"

Forever trusting in the Lord, take heed to do His will; so shall you dwell within the land, and He your needs shall fill.

Delight now in the Lord, and He will grant your heart's request; to Him commit your way in faith, and thus you shall be blessed.

And He shall make your righteousness shine brightly as the light, and as the burning noon-day sun your judgment shall be bright.

Rest in the Lord with quiet trust, wait patiently for Him; though wickedness triumphant seem, let not your faith grow dim.

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# Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and forever. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1, 37-39

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

[37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Hymn

## "By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

chorus: We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. **chorus** 

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

chorus: We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Oh, we will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Sermon

Hymn

Pastor Coyle

"Born for Victory"

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from this labors rest to Thee by faith before the world confess Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed alleluia, Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Allelu!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on His way, alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia! Allelu! CCLI 209271

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

<u>Sermon Outline</u> "Born for Victory" 1 John 5:1-5

I. Belief and Love (v.1)

II. Love and Obedience (v.2-3)

III. Obedience and Belief (v.4-5)

How does your life reflect love for God and others?
Why do the commands of God feel burdensome at times? How can you combat this?
Where do you see your faith overcoming the world?
How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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