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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 10, 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.

*"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."
Galatians 6:7*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Galatians 6:7 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 25:8-10

*[8] Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs
sinners in the way. [9] He leads the humble in what is
right, and teaches the humble his way. [10] All the paths
of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for
those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

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

"O Father, You are Sovereign"

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose - our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
but soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

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Scripture Reading

Galatians 6:6-10

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

*[6] Let the one who is taught the word share all good things
with the one who teaches.*

*[7] Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever
one sows, that will he also reap.*

[8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

[9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

[10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 9:27-28

[27] And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

[28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hymn

“Psalm 11 (The Lord Is My Refuge)”
to the tune of *“How Firm a Foundation”*

The LORD is my refuge, how then can you say,
"O flee like a bird to your mountain away.
The godless take aim with their bow and their dart,
like snipers they shoot at the upright in heart.

"When evil prevails, they foundations remove;
O what then, O what then, can righteous men do?"
Be sure that the LORD in His temple on high,
in heaven enthroned, over men casts His eye.

The LORD looks on man with His all-searching eyes;
His eyelids observe, and their conduct He tries.
The LORD tests the righteous who walk in His ways;
His soul hates the wicked, who terror embrace.

The LORD will send judgment and pour out hot coals;
o'er all the ungodly His scorching wind rolls.
The LORD, ever righteous, His justice portrays;
by grace all the upright will look on His face.

John Goris, 2004, alt. Reformed Churches of New Zealand
Hymnal Committee, 2004/CCLI 209271

Scripture

Micah 2:1-5

[1] *Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand.*

[2] *They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.*

[3] *Therefore thus says the LORD: behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks, and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be a time of disaster.*

[4] *In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you and moan bitterly, and say, "We are utterly ruined; he changes the portion of my people; how he removes it from me! To an apostate he allots our fields."*

[5] *Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot in the assembly of the LORD.*

Sermon

"Punishment that Fits the Crime"

Pastor Coyle

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

written by Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863/tune by Vikki Cook, 1997/CCLI 209271

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people:
we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts
and deceptive in our deeds.
You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies;
you always keep your promises, but we have broken ours.
According to your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins,
and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect your trustworthy character.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Punishment that Fits the Crime”
Micah 2:1-5

I. The People’s Covetous Ploys (v.1-2)

II. The Lord’s Righteous Plans (v.3-4)

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