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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 12, 2023

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.

*"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."
John 16:13*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 16:13 printed above.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

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

"Father, Long Before Creation"

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!*
- ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.*
- ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.*
- ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.*
- ⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.*
- ⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.*
- ⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.*
- ⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*
- ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge.*
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!*
- ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!*
- ¹² And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.*

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Almighty, Unchangeable God”
words and music by Cindy Berry

Choir

Who spread out the clouds before Him?
Who fashioned the earth with His hands?
Who created the starry host, and formed the earth at His command?
Who scatters lightning before Him, commands the rain and snow to fall?
Who makes the nations tremble? Who is Lord over all?
He is almighty, unchangeable God, King of kings, Lord of lords,
robed in majesty. He rules and reigns, He rules and reigns for all
eternity, mighty, unchangeable God.
He is like the light at sunrise, like the brightness after the rain,
seated on His heav'nly throne above.
His glory fills the heavens; He is exalted over all.
Yet He loves me with an everlasting love.
He is almighty, unchangeable God.
He is almighty, unchangeable God.
King of kings, Lord of lords, robed in majesty.
He rules and reigns for all eternity, almighty, unchangeable God,
almighty God, almighty unchangeable God, almighty God.

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Hymn

“Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song”

(sheet music pg. 8)

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here:
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
and weep for the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

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Scripture

John 16:1-15

- ¹ “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.*
- ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.*
- ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.*
- ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.*
- ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’*
- ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.*

- ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.
- ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:
- ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;
- ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;
- ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Sermon

"The Comfort of the Spirit's Work"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"There Is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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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

Titus 3:4-7

*4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and
renewal of the Holy Spirit,
6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according
to the hope of eternal life.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

“Spirit, Strength of All the Weak”

Spirit, strength of all the weak, giving courage to the meek,
teaching falt’ring tongues to speak; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Spirit, aiding all who yearn more of truth divine to learn,
and with deeper love to burn; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Spirit, fount of faith and joy, giving peace without alloy,
hope that nothing can destroy; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Source of love and light divine, with that hall’wing grace of Thine,
more and more upon us shine; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Holy, loving, as Thou art, come and live within our heart,
never from us to depart; hear us, Holy Spirit.

May we soon, from sin set free, where Thy work may perfect be,
Jesus’ face with rapture see: hear us, Holy Spirit.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Comfort of the Spirit’s Work”
John 16:1-15

I. Words of Clarification (v. 1-4a)

II. The Spirit’s Conviction (v. 4b-11)

III. The Spirit’s Completion (v. 12-15)

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THY MERCY MY GOD IS THE THEME OF MY SONG

Words by John Stoker
Music by Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
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4 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 Sin would re - duce me its own hard - ter des - pair; but
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; dis - all

6 free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness I fall - to the ground and
 praise to the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine seals

8 won he my that af - fec - tions and bound my soul
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 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

10 fast. live. found. 2. With 3. Thy

14 mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals

18 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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