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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
March 13, 2022

*Covenant's Mission Statement*  
Covenant seeks to glorify God by  
*Establishing* Disciples biblically,  
*Engaging* Culture redemptively,  
*Expanding* Christ's Church faithfully.

*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.

*“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

John 3:17

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 3:17 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Revelation 19:6-8

*<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,  
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals  
of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the  
Almighty reigns.*

*<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage  
of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;*

*<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and  
pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish. Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those who hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

*7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.*

*8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"*

*"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"*  
by Tom Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson

Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
Oh, 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.  
But 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 you 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  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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This is the good news that we have received, in which  
we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living  
God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the  
end; he is our Lord and our God.

Hymn

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
**women:** the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
**men:** the shadow, in a weary land  
**women:** a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
**men:** a home of rest, upon the way  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
women: the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:  
men: the One who suffered there for me.  
women: and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
men: and from my heart, I confess  
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, the shadow for my abiding place:  
**women:** I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
**men:** I ask no other, than His face  
**women:** content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
**men:** content to know, no gain nor loss  
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

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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 and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

*<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed  
for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought  
us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

*<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every  
one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the  
iniquity of us all.*

Hymn

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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Scripture

Hebrews 3:1-6

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling,  
consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,*

*<sup>2</sup> who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses  
also was faithful in all God's house.*

*<sup>3</sup> For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than  
Moses— as much more glory as the builder of a house has  
more honor than the house itself.*

*<sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)*

*<sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,*

*<sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

Sermon

*“Hold Fast in Christ: Jesus’ Superiority to Moses”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name:  
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“Hold Fast in Christ: Jesus’ Superiority to Moses”*  
Hebrews 3:1-6

I. Moses was Great, but Jesus is Greater

II. God’s House, the One Church

III. Considering Jesus and Holding Fast

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