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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 15, 2026

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.

“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

Hebrews 10:12-14

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 10:12-14 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:23-25

[23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Invocation

Hymn

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray;
and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants what they ask of Thee to gain,
what they gain from Thee for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:1-14

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Andrew Kinzler, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Galatians 4:4-7

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
[5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
[6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
[7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

refrain: *Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, those He died to make His own,
how for them He’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.

refrain

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
it’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength.
We admit that our hearts are full of idols. Even when we worship You, we are half-hearted;
our thoughts of You are too small; we make You in our own image rather than worship You in spirit and in truth.
Thank You that you have saved us and make us true worshipers through Jesus Christ.
By Your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, 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

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
could give the guilty conscience peace, or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
while like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear,
when hanging on the cursed tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing his bleeding love.

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Sermon

“A New Era Begins”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus, My Great High Priest”
(to the tune, Arthur’s Seat, *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*)

Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks
no sacrifice beside.
His pow’rful blood did once atone,
and now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety’s hand
will I commit my cause;
he answers and fulfils
his Father’s broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears
for my defense on high;
the Father bows his ears
and lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death
and pow’rs of hell unknown
put their most dreadful forms
of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
his conqu’ring pow’r and guardian grace.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A New Era Begins”
Ezra 3:1-13

I. Phases of the Project

II. Priority of the Project

III. Purpose of the Project

[1] In what ways were the returnees faithful? How does their faithfulness encourage us to be faithful?

[2] How did fear motivate the returnees? Should fear motivate us? Why or why not?

[3] How does this text point to Christ?

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