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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 19, 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.

*"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross."
Hebrews 12:2*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Hebrews 12:2 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5-11

- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed,
I have a beautiful inheritance.
7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me.
8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right
hand, I shall not be shaken.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh
also dwells secure.
10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see
corruption.
11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is
fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Invocation

Hymn

"Come, People of the Risen King"

(sheet music pgs. 8 & 9)

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

7 “Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son.

8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?” says the LORD; “shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?” says your God.

10 “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her;

11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.”

12 For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
arr. by Johnny Mann

Choir

By thy return sweet hour of prayer.
Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father’s throne,
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often round relief.
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare
by thy return sweet hour of prayer
and since he bids me seek His face
believe His Word and trust His grace
I’ll cast on Him my ev’ry care
and wait for thee sweet hour, sweet hour,
sweet hour of prayer.

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be exploited;
rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature
of a servant, being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place
and gave Him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Leanna Harrod

Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie In pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make within
the paths of righteousness,
ev’n for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God’s house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, gracious Father,
we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence,
but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Through Him we would now come near to You, listening to Your voice,
trusting in Your love, delighting in Your Word, and leaning on Your arm.
We joyfully beg to see Your face!
Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols,
that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit and
Your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:14-15

*¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with
all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

*¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared
away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.*

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

refrain: *It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

refrain

Scripture

John 16:16-22

- 16 “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”*
- 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’”*
- 18 So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”*
- 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”*
- 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.*
- 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*
- 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

Sermon

“The Comfort of the Savior’s Cross”

Hymn

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: *Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
refrain

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.
refrain

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.
refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Comfort of the Savior’s Cross”
John 16:16-22

I. Current Confusion

II. Coming Sorrow

III. Certain Joy

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 108)

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1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in. } Re -
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. }
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G

joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

24 C C C

||3.
Dm G Gsus C

joice!

2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!
3. Come,

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