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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*March 20, 2022

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
<u>Establishing</u> Disciples biblically,
<u>Engaging</u> Culture redemptively,
<u>Expanding</u> 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.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Galatians 2:20 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Invocation

Hymn

(sheet music pgs. 8 & 9)

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name. He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame. He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies; called us by His grace and taught us gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threaten hard to bear us down for the Lord our strong salvation holds in view the conqu'ror's crown. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store when through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky.

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Exodus 17:1-7

- ¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
- ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"
- ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
- 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
- ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
- ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

- ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
- ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- 3º And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee: Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You.

By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts.

Help us to see You as You are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully.

As we have received Him, so strengthen us to walk in Him, depend on Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to Him.

Give us an experience of Your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of Your saving mercy. Amen.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn

(sheet music pgs. 10&11)

"Isaiah 43"

When you pass through the waters I will be with you, and the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

chorus:

Men: For I am the Lord your God Ladies: I am the Lord your God Men: I am the Lord your God Ladies: I-I-I am All: The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

(repeat)

Men: I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord Ladies: Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear

When you pass through the fire, you'll not be burned, and the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name, you are Mine.

chorus

Men: I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord Ladies: Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear

I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

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Scripture

Hebrews 3:7-19

- ⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice,
- ⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,
- 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

- Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.
- ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest."
- ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
- ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.
- ¹⁵ As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."
- ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?
- ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?
- ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?
- ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Sermon

"Hold Fast in Christ: A Warning About Unbelief"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! **refrain**

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. **refrain**

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. **refrain**

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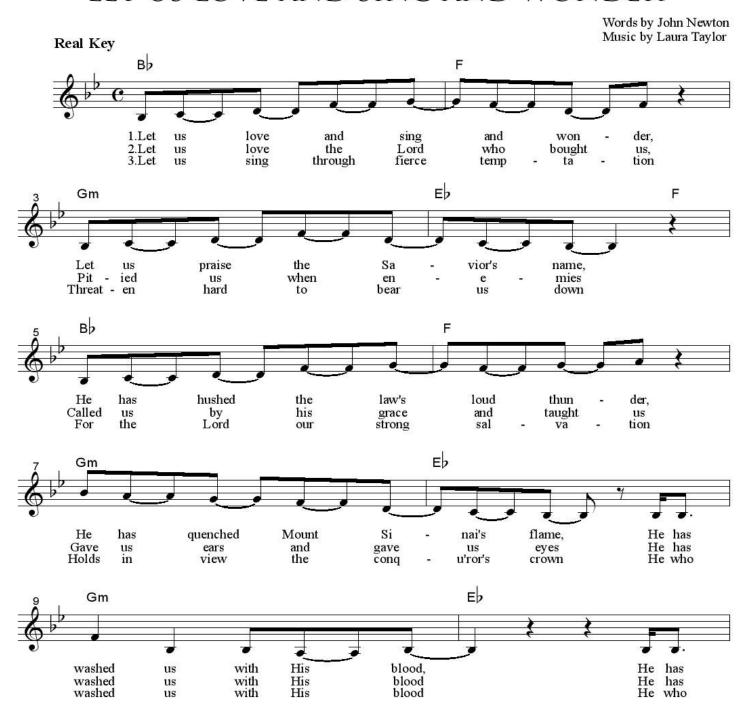
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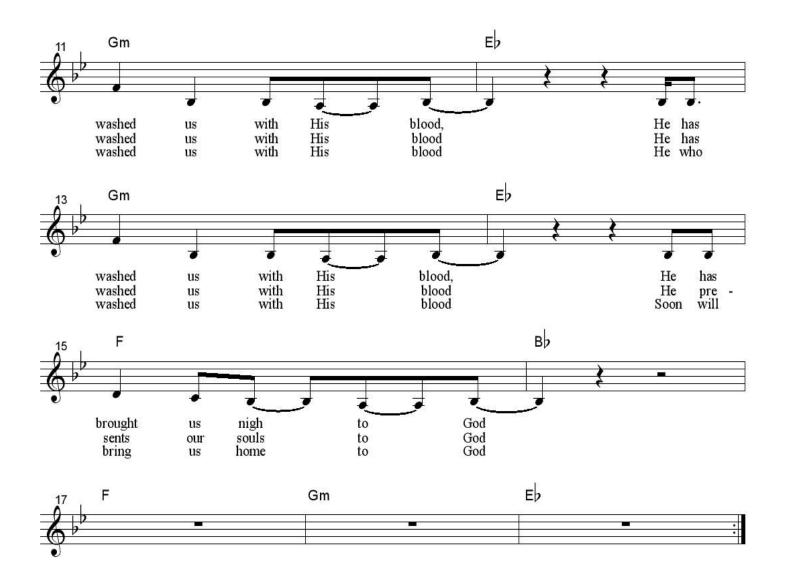
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Sermon Outline "Hold Fast in Christ: A Warning About Unbelief" Hebrews 3:7-19

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II. A Redeemed People.	
III. A Warned People.	

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER





- 4. Let us wonder grace and justice
 Join and point to mercy's store
 When through grace in Christ our trust is
 Justice smiles and asks no more
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 Has secured our way to God
- 5. Let us praise and join the chorus
 Of the saints enthroned on high
 Here they trusted Him before us
 Now their praises fill the sky
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
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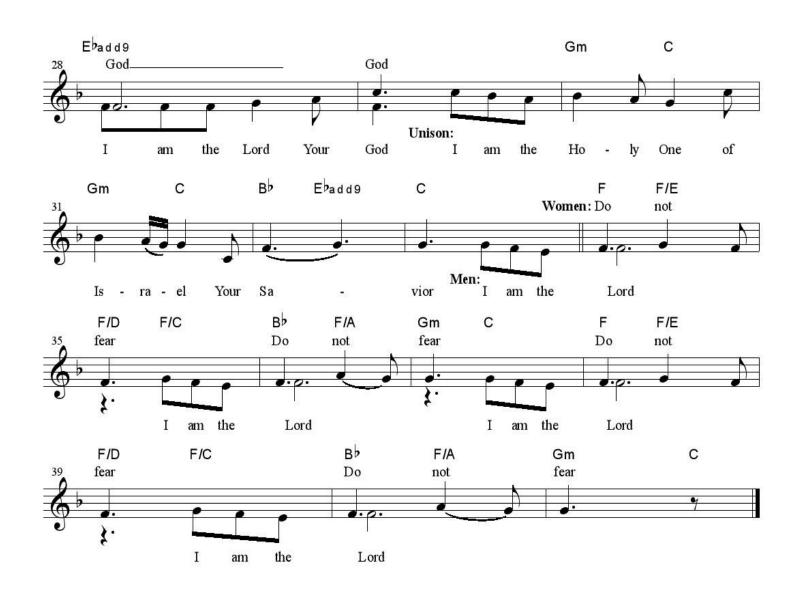
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