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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  
*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.

*“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

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

- <sup>1</sup> *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.*
- <sup>2</sup> *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?"*
- <sup>3</sup> *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?"*
- <sup>4</sup> *So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."*
- <sup>5</sup> *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.*
- <sup>6</sup> *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.*
- <sup>7</sup> *And 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

- <sup>28</sup> *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*
- <sup>29</sup> *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.*
- <sup>30</sup> *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

Hymn

*“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.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Ephesians 2:8-9

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
<sup>10</sup> 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, 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, Do not fear

I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

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Scripture

Hebrews 3:7-19

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

- <sup>10</sup> *Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'*
- <sup>11</sup> *As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'*
- <sup>12</sup> *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*
- <sup>13</sup> *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.*
- <sup>14</sup> *For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*
- <sup>15</sup> *As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*
- <sup>16</sup> *For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?*
- <sup>17</sup> *And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?*
- <sup>18</sup> *And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*
- <sup>19</sup> *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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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

I. A Rebellious People.

II. A Redeemed People.

III. A Warned People.

# LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Words by John Newton  
Music by Laura Taylor

Real Key

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
2. Let us love sing and the Lord who bought us,  
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
Pit - ied us when en - vior's e - mies down  
Threat - en hard to bear us down

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his our grace strong and sal - va - tion  
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
Gave us ears view and the gave us u'ror's eyes crown He has  
Holds in view the and the conq - u'ror's crown He has  
He who

washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who



11 Gm Eb  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He pre -  
Soon will

15 F Bb  
brought us nigh to God  
sents our souls to God  
bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb  
[Empty musical staff]

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

# ISAIAH 43

Author Unknown

Real Key

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

5 And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For  
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear. For

11 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 **Women:** I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_

**Men:** For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Lord Your

21 **God** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

24 **Women:** I am the Lord your  
 Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_

28  $E\flat_{add9}$  God \_\_\_\_\_ God  $Gm$   $C$

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31  $Gm$   $C$   $B\flat$   $E\flat_{add9}$   $C$   $F$   $F/E$   
 Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Women:** Do not

35  $F/D$   $F/C$   $B\flat$   $F/A$   $Gm$   $C$   $F$   $F/E$   
 fear Do not fear Do not

**Men:** I am the Lord

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39  $F/D$   $F/C$   $B\flat$   $F/A$   $Gm$   $C$   
 fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

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