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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

March 21, 2021

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.

*“The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”*
Romans 3:22-24

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Romans 3:22-24 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-3

*¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Invocation

Hymn

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

(sheet music pgs. 9 & 10)

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 through 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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Charlotte Elise Gilzean
Covenant daughter of Andrew and Carrie Gilzean

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

- ¹ *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:
“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”*
- ² *But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue
childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”*
- ³ *And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member
of my household will be my heir.”*
- ⁴ *And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your
heir; your very own son[b] shall be your heir.”*
- ⁵ *And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number
the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall
your offspring be.”*
- ⁶ *And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

Congregational Prayer

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

Hymn

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

(sheet music pgs. 11 & 12)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, ‘till the storm is past
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 13:38-39

³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Hymn

*“Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace”
(to the tune Forrest Green)*

Fountain of never-ceasing grace,
Your saints' exhaustless theme,
great object of immortal praise,
essentially supreme,
we bless You for the glorious fruits
Your incarnation gives;
the righteousness which grace imputes,
and faith alone receives.

In You we have a righteousness
by God himself approved;
our rock, our sure foundation this,
which never can be moved.
Our ransom by Your death was paid,
For all Your people giv'n,
the law You perfectly obeyed,
that they might enter heav'n.

As all, when Adam sinned alone,
in his transgression died,
so by the righteousness of One
are sinners justified;
we to Your merit, gracious Lord,
with humblest joy submit,
Again to Paradise restored,
In thee alone complete.

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—*

²² *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:*

²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

²⁴ *and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

²⁵ *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

²⁶ *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

²⁷ *Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.*

²⁸ *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

Sermon

“Saved to the Uttermost: Conversion, Faith”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

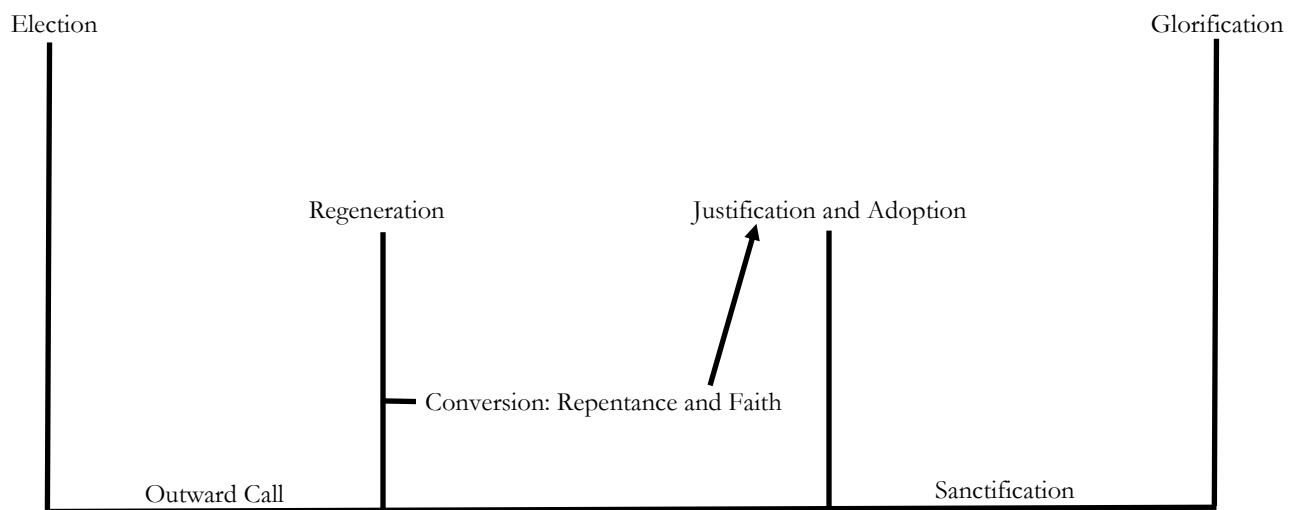
Sermon Outline
“Saved to the Uttermost: Justification”
Romans 3:21-28

I. Justification by Grace.

II. Justification in Christ.

III. Justification through Faith.

The Order of Salvation



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 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 - vied us - mies,
Threat - en hard to bear us down



He has hushed the loud thun - der,
Called us by his our grace and taught us
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 eyes crown He has
Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown 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 pre -
washed us with His blood, He will
Soon will

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God
sent our souls to God
bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

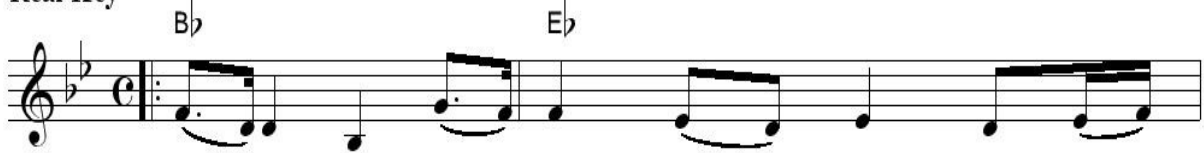
4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
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Has secured our way to God

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
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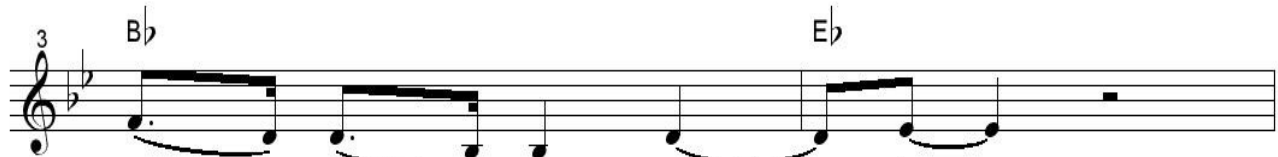
JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Words by Charles Wesley
Music by Greg Thompson

Real Key



1. Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bo - som fly,
help - less, hang on thee; I find;
all in thee I find;
cov - er all my sin;



While the nea - rer wa - ters roll, while the
leave, ah! leave me not a lone, still sup -
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and



tem - pest still is high:
port and com - fort me!
sick, and lead the blind.
keep me pure with in:



hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
All my trust on thee is stayed,
Just and of ho - ly the is thy name;
thou of life the foun - tain art,

11 F Eb

'till the storm is past
 help from thee I bring;
 I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 let me take of thee;

13 F Eb Bb

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, re -
 cov - er my de - fense - less head the
 false and full of sin I am, thou
 spring thou up with - in my heart, to

15 Gm F Eb Eb

ceive my soul at last
 shad - ow of thy wing.
 full of truth and grace.
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

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