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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 23, 2025

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.

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,
that you may know that you have eternal life."*

1 John 5:13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 John 5:13 printed above.**

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 3:16

[16] Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Invocation

Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be Thine.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:
That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day,
and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God.

Hymn

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.
You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law's demand.
You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.
You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O Risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!
We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave,
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24:46-47

*[46] and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should
suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,*

*[47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Hymn

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man,
in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.
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Sermon Outline
"The Life As We Know It"
1 John 1:1-4

I. The Life Revealed (v.1-3)

II. The Life Declared (v.2-3)

III. The Life Brings Fellowship (v.3)

IV. The Life Completes Joy (v.4)

Questions for further study or group discussion:

1. What similarities are there between how John introduces Jesus in John 1:1-5 and the opening of 1 John?
What differences are there?
2. What difference would it make in this life if you were assured of eternal life?
3. What distinguishes friendship from Christian fellowship?
4. In what sense should sharing truths about Jesus make our joy complete?

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