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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 24, 2024

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.

*"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 hear evil."
Zephaniah 3:15*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Zephaniah 3:15 printed above.**

Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:
to Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

*[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.*

*[16] On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zi-
on;
let not your hands grow weak.*

*[17] The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who
will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet
you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Invocation

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
 praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
 His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
 singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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[28] *And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*
 [29] *When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,*
 [30] *saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.*
 [31] *If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”*
 [32] *So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.*
 [33] *And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”*
 [34] *And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”*
 [35] *And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.*
 [36] *And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.*
 [37] *As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,*
 [38] *saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*
 [39] *And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”*
 [40] *He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”*
 [41] *And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,*
 [42] *saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*
 [43] *For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side*
 [44] *and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”*
 [45] *And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,*
 [46] *saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”*

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

*[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
[2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.
[3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint
of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of
the Majesty on high.*

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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Corporate Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before you,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved You with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved You with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.
In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done
and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin
with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.
With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

refrain: *For me He died, for me He lives,
and everlasting life and life He freely gives.*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

refrain

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne,
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.

refrain

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

refrain

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Scripture

Micah 3:1-12

[1] And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?—

[2] you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones,

[3] who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a pot, like flesh in a cauldron.

[4] Then they will cry to the LORD, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

[5] Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths.

[6] Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them;

[7] the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

[8] But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

[9] Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight,

[10] who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.

[11] Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us."

[12] Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Sermon

"No Justice, No Peace"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight,

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth;
before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever— that Name to us is Love.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“No Justice, No Peace”
Micah 3:1-12

I. Cruel Judges Will Hear Nothing (v.1-4)

II. Corrupt Prophets Will See Nothing (v.5-8)

III. Complacent Leaders Will Have Nothing (v.9-12)

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