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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 26, 2023

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 came from the Father and have come into the world,
and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."
John 16:28*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on John 16:28 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-6

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Invocation

Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise with us the God of grace.

- ⁷ *“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” declares the LORD of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones.*
- ⁸ *In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive.*
- ⁹ *And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”*

Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 5:1-5

- ¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.
- ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.
- ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.
- ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
- ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hymn

*“The Lord God Reigns in Majesty”
(to the tune “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”)*

The Lord God reigns in majesty; let all the nations quake.
He dwells between the cherubim; let earth's foundations shake.
Supreme in Zion is the Lord, exalted gloriously.
All nations, praise His name with awe: the Holy One is He.

The mighty King loves justice well, and equity ordains;
He rules His people righteously and faithfulness maintains.
O magnify the Lord our God, let Him exalted be;
In worship at His footstool bow: the Holy One is He.

When priests and prophets called on God, He their petitions heard.
His cloudy pillar led them on, and they obeyed His word.
Tho' sending judgments for their sins, He pardoned graciously.
Exalt the Lord and worship Him: the Holy One is He.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ,
Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth,
alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties,
following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought,
my chain that holds me captive.

Yet Your compassions yearn over me, Your heart hastens to my rescue,
Your love endured my curse, Your mercy bore my justice.
Let me walk in humility, bathed in Your blood, tender of conscience,
living in triumph as an heir of salvation through Your blessed name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:5-7

*In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has
blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, ac-
cording to the riches of his grace.*

Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

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Scripture

John 16:23-33

*²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you,
whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.
²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will
receive, that your joy may be full.*

- ²⁵ *“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.*
- ²⁶ *In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;*
- ²⁷ *for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.*
- ²⁸ *I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”*
- ²⁹ *His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!*
- ³⁰ *Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”*
- ³¹ *Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?*
- ³² *Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.*
- ³³ *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

Sermon

“The Comfort of the Savior’s Finished Work”

Pastor Coyle

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.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Comfort of the Savior’s Finished Work”
John 16:23-33

I. Access to the Father (v.23-24)

II. Relationship with the Father (v.25-28)

III. The Peace and Victory of Christ (v.29-33)

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