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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 27, 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.

*“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth.”*

1 Corinthians 3:7

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 3:7 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

*¹ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

*⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them
their names.*

*⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is
beyond measure.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe;
death is coming, hell is moving - can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him:
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior – tell them that he will be found;
sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too;
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He’ll call us home to heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

- ¹ Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.*
- ² Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.*
- ³ If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.*
- ⁴ He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.*
- ⁵ As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.*
- ⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.*

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Here I Am, Lord”

Choir

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will on finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send, whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.
 Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hymn

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

(sheet music pgs. 8&9)

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.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him,
our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ *“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;*

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

refrain

Scripture

Mark 4:26-29

²⁶ And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Sermon

“The Growth of the Kingdom”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide, extended plains, shines one eternal day
there God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

chorus: *I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore,
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed,
when shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest.

chorus

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Growth of the Kingdom”
Mark 4:26-29

I. The seed planted (v.26).

II. The seed producing (v.27-28).

III. The seed perfected (v.29).

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;
 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 and 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 ho - ly art thou, 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 - I - 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 and wing.
 full of truth and grace.
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

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