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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 3, 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, andrelational by encouraging the church family to build community.

"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8b

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Matthew 10:8b printed above.

Life of the Church and Introduction of Conference Participants

Alan and Anne Cochet Paul and Connie Backstrom Scott and Kathy Craig Will and Martha Faires Pete and Ruth Mitchell

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-13

[8] There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. [9] All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. [10] For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. [11] Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. [12] I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. [13] For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Invocation

Flag Ceremony Processional (Explanation pg. 7)

Hymn

"Christ for the World We Sing"

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise to Christ belong.

[16] On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

[17] Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

[18] Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

[19] And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"How Beautiful" by Twila Paris/arr. by Craig Courtney Choir

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice:

that we will live just as He died,

willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride

who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.

How beautiful when humble hearts give

the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring

the sound of good news and the love of the King.

How beautiful the hands that serve

the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean, it its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore; how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more; how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 40:11-13

O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me. Forgive my sin and help me to believe that through Jesus, I am forgiven.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where're He reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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Scripture

Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3

[11:19] Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.

[20] But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

[21] And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

[22] The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

[23] When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,

[24] for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

[25] So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,

[26] and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

[27] Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

[28] And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius).

[29] So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

[30] And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

[13:1] Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

[2] While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

[3] Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Sermon

"The Church that God Moved"

Rev. Alan Cochet

Collection of Faith Promise Pledges

Hymn

"O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that He who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying, bound in the darksome prison house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life He died for them to win.

refrain

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how He stooped to save His lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above.

refrain

Give of your sons to bear the message glo-ri-ous; give of your wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious; and all your spending Jesus will repay.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes "The Church that God Moved" Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3

Flag Ceremony
The flags displayed represent countries where members of our missionary field serve. These flags remind us to pray for our missionaries and the countries in which they serve. We are also reminded by these flags that we are to be "world Christians."

Matthew 28:18-20

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