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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 31, 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.

*“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Covenant Children’s Choirs

Ms. Renée’s Class and 1st-6th Grade Girls

Easter Greeting **Pastor: Christ, the Lord, He is Risen!
Congregation: He Is Risen Indeed!**

Hymn *“Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today”*

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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Call to Worship **Revelation 1:17-18**

*[17] When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though
dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
“Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the
living one. I died, and behold I am alive forever-
more, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

Invocation

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

[1] May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

[2] May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

[3] May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah

[4] May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!

[5] May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

[6] Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

[7] Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

[8] They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

[9] O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen"
by Joan Pinkston

Choir

Christ, the Lord, is risen,
breaking death's dark prison,
Alleluia, Alleluia, The Lord is risen.

He that wrought creation,
now hath brought salvation,
sing, alleluia, Sing alleluia,
Christ is risen today

Raise your voice in singing,
grateful anthems bringing,
Alleluia, Alleluia, The Lord is risen.

Leave all care and sadness,
sing with joy and gladness,
sing alleluia, Sing alleluia,
Christ is risen today.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Christ, the Lord most glorious,
is o'er death victorious,
Alleluia, Alleluia. The Lord is risen!

Tell the wondrous story,
give Him praise and glory!
Sing alleluia, Sing alleluia, Christ is risen, Alleluia,
Christ is risen, Alleluia, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

“Come, People of the Risen King”

(sheet music pgs. 8&9)

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

refrain

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age; “Our God is all in all.”

refrain

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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 and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

[14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All -
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid -
here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death -
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home -
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Scripture

1 Timothy 3:14-16

[14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that,

[15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

[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.

Sermon

“Without Question”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*Without Question*”
1 Timothy 3:14-16

I. Jesus Christ, our confession in confusion (v.14-15)

II. Jesus Christ, our confession that is certain (v.16)

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 108)

C C/E F C/E F C/E G F C C/E

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in.
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G 1.2.

joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

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Come, People of the Risen King (Hymnal)

24 C C Dm G Gsus C

joice!

2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!

3. Come,

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