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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
March 6, 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.

*“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,
to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*

Hebrews 2:17

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Hebrews 2:17 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

*¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless
his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is
the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

Psalm 8

- ¹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place,
- ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Glory and Praise"
arr. by P.M. Liebergen

Choir

Glory and praise we sing, O Lord,
And lift on high Your name adored:
O mighty King, hear us proclaim With joyful hearts Your holy name,
With joyful hearts Your holy name.

Ladies: Glory be to God forever, Glory be to God forever
Sing praise to God, sing praise to God who reigns above
Glory be to God forever, glory be to God forever,
Glory be to God. Rejoice in ev'ry place, give praise to God,
Glory be to God. Rejoice in ev'ry place.

Men: Thanks be to You for Your great love,
All sing with joy to God above;
We long to see Your holy face,
Let all rejoice in ev'ry place, Let all rejoice in ev'ry place.

Holy are You, O Lord of light, We join to sing both day and night;
Shepherd of all, to You we cry Glory and praise, Lord God, most high,
Glory and praise, Lord God, most high!

Let all come forth in one accord And praise your name, O blessed Lord;
Free us from sin and all our strife, Glory to You, O Lord of life,
Glory to You, O Lord of life!
Glory to You, glory to You, O Lord!

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Timothy 2:5-6

*5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

*6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is
the testimony given at the proper time.*

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all- a healing stream- flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

refrain: *In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.*

refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me.

refrain

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;
we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done,
and the good we have left undone.

Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger,
and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You!

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken,
give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.
Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has
wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:7-8

*7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD here
is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.*

8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hymn

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears
before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

chorus: *Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

chorus

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

chorus

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Scripture

Hebrews 2:5-18

*5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which
we are speaking.*

*6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?"*

- 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor*
- 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.*
- 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*
- 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.*
- 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,*
- 12 saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”*
- 13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”*
- 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,*
- 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*
- 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.*
- 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*
- 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

refrain: *Oh! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

refrain

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

refrain

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

refrain

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus,
now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Hold Fast in Christ: The Founder of Our Salvation”
Hebrews 2:5-18

I. The Founder's Condescension

II. The Founder's Incarnation

III. The Founder's Propitiation

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