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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

March 7, 2021

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.

*“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret,
whereas worldly grief produces death.”*
2 Corinthians 7:10

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Corinthians 7:10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3; 13-21

*¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,
² who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
¹⁹ O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
²⁰ O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
²¹ Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!*

Invocation

Hymn

“A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord”

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.

refrain: *He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
and covers me there with His hand,
and covers me there with His hand.*

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

refrain

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,
and filled with a fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, O glory to God
for such a Redeemer as mine!

refrain

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
to meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high.

refrain

¹² “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.^[a] Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 87

Q. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
women: the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
men: the shadow, in a weary land
women: a home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
men: a home, a rest, upon the way
 from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times shall see
women: the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
men: the very, dying One for me.
women: and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
men: and from my heart, I confess
 the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
women: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
men: I ask no other, than his face
women: content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
men: content to know, no gain nor loss
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
 according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than
 snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me
 not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore
 to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 7:14

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and
 seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven
 and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

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

Acts 2:36-41

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Sermon

“Saved to the Uttermost: Conversion, Repentance”

Pastor Reed

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 Calvary'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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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song”

(sheet music pg. 11)

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here:
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
and He that first made and still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

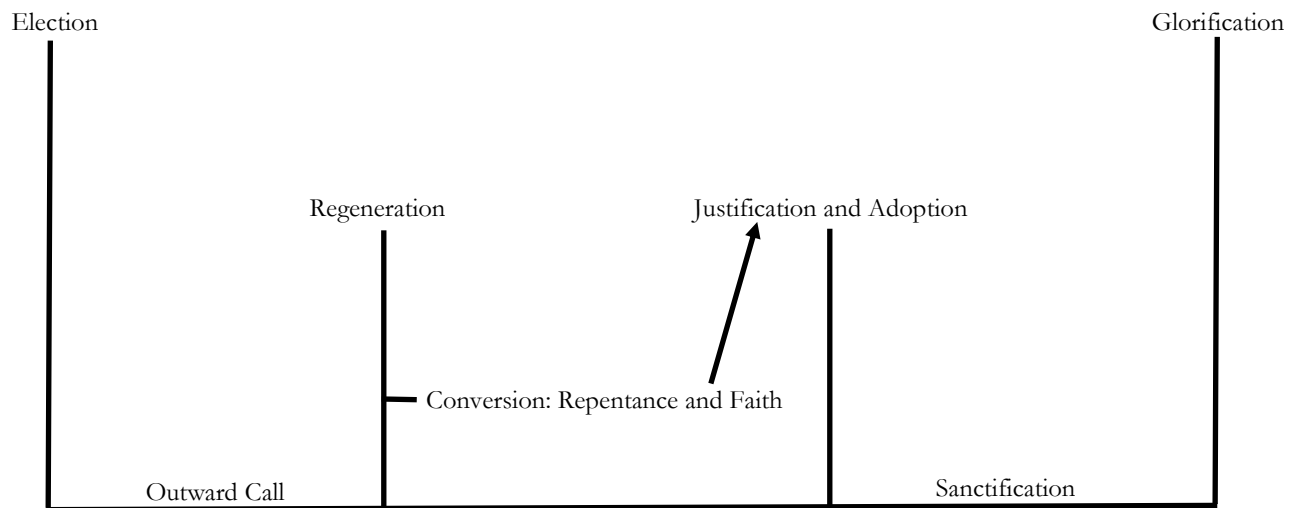
Sermon Outline
“Saved to the Uttermost: Conversion, Repentance”
Acts 2:36-41

I. The Meaning of Repentance.

II. The Response of Repentance.

III. The Life of Repentance.

The Order of Salvation



BENEATH THE CROSS

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane

Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

Chords: B \flat , F, E \flat , F, B \flat , F/A, Gm, Dm, E \flat , B \flat /D, F, Gm, Dm, E \flat , B \flat /D

Women

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
 3. I take, O cross, the sha-dow for my a - bid - ing

Men

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
 3. I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing

5

stand see place The sha - dow of a migh - ty rock with - in a wear - y
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for
 I ask no o - there sun - shine than the sun - shine of His

5

stand see place. the sha - dow in a wea - ry
 The One who suff - ered there - ry for
 I ask no oth - er than His

9

land me. face A home with - in the wild - er - ness a rest up - on the
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con -
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or

9

land me face. A home of rest u - pon the
 And from my heart I con -
 Con - tent to know no gain or

13 F B♭ F E♭ F

way
fess
loss.

from the bur - ning of
The won - ders of
My sin - ful self,

the noon - tide heat
His glo - rious love
my on - ly shame;

bur - den of the
un-worth - i -
glo - ry all the

13

way
fess
loss.

from the bur - ning of
The won - ders of
My sin - ful self,

the noon - tide heat
His glo - rious love
my on - ly shame;

and the bur - den of the
un-worth - i -
my glo - ry all the

17 B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭

day
ness.
cross.

17

day
ness.
cross.

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A9/C#



THY MERCY MY GOD IS THE THEME OF MY SONG

Words by John Stoker
Music by Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
 out - thy sweet mer - cy the I could not live here; the
 mer - cy is of more than a match - for my heart own and which
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness my I heart and the

4 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 Sin would re - duce me its to ut - ter - ness de - pair; but
 won - ders to feel love its of own hard - ness de - pair; dis -
 cov - e - rant the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine son; all

6 free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness I to the ground and
 praise to the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine seals

8 won he my af - fec - tions and bound my soul
 he that for cy the and made praise me of don still the and keeps mer - cy - eous - I've
 weep mer - cy for cy the and made praise par - don the and mer - right - eous - ness

10 fast. live. found. 2. With 3. Thy

14 mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals

18 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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