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# Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

**The Lord's Day**March 9, 2025

# **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.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 9:10 printed above.

Life of the Church and Introduction of Conference Participants

Reverend Craig Anderson Roger and Laura Dye Darlene Johnson Frank and Daisy Du

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

[1] May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, [2] that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. [3] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! [4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. [5] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! [6] The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. [7] God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Invocation

Flag Ceremony Processional (explanation pg. 4)

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.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

**Congregational Prayer** 

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"A Giving Place"

Choir

Lord, make this church a giving place, a house of prayer, a sacred space, a chapel of Your boundless grace. Lord, make this church a giving place.

Lord, make this church an open door, where every word redeems, restores, a healing room for evermore. Lord make this church an open door.

Lord, build this church with broken hearts, on fragile jars of clay.

Through wounded windows shine Your light, Lord, shine in a thousand glorious ways.

Lord, make this church a light of hope, a beacon bright, a welcome home, a gathering where Your love is shown, Lord, make this church a giving place.

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[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

[17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

[18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

# Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted You with our whole heart; We have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; In our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged you and so our paths have been crooked before You. Forgive us our sins and teach us by Your Spirit to fear You and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Romans 8:1-4

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee: Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

**refrain:** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided - great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

#### refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

refrain

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Sermon "A Generous Harvest"

Rev. Craig Anderson

Collection of Faith Promise Pledges

Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that we may go in.

refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of
Ruth Mitchell
(missionary to France) and
Jim Romaine
(missionary to the Muslim community in New York).

# Sermon Outline "A Generous Harvest" 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

I. Are You Planning a Harvest? Then Sow.
II. How Do You Think About God? He is Generous.
III. What Happens as We Give? God is Praised as We Reflect the God Who Gives.

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