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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*May 1, 2022

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 families to build community.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 4:16 printed above.

Life of the Church

STEP Ministries Update

Call to Worship

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

(sheet music pg. 11)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends, Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days. Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King; Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

- ¹ The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died,
- ² and the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.
- ³ But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.
- 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.
- ⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.
- ⁶ "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.
- ⁷ Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- ⁸ And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.^[a]
- 9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering,
- ¹⁰ but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.
- ¹⁵ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.
- ¹⁶ Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

Choir

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman arr. by Mary McDonald

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring. And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the Rock I cling.

chorus:

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives. And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through, and sing the songs You give.

chorus

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne.

chorus

And it makes my heart want to sing, Want to sing, to sing!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul, for by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art, and Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart; satisfies my deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need, 'compasseth me round with blessings, Thine is love indeed! Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee; resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee. Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face, keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

arr. Northland Community Church, Inc. David B. Hampton & Jean S. Pigot/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid You in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (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.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love, leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

refrain: Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore, how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore; how He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own, how for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

refrain

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest, it's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend, You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

refrain

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Scripture

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

- 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- 5-1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
- ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.
- 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
- 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."
- ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
- ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
- 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
- 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

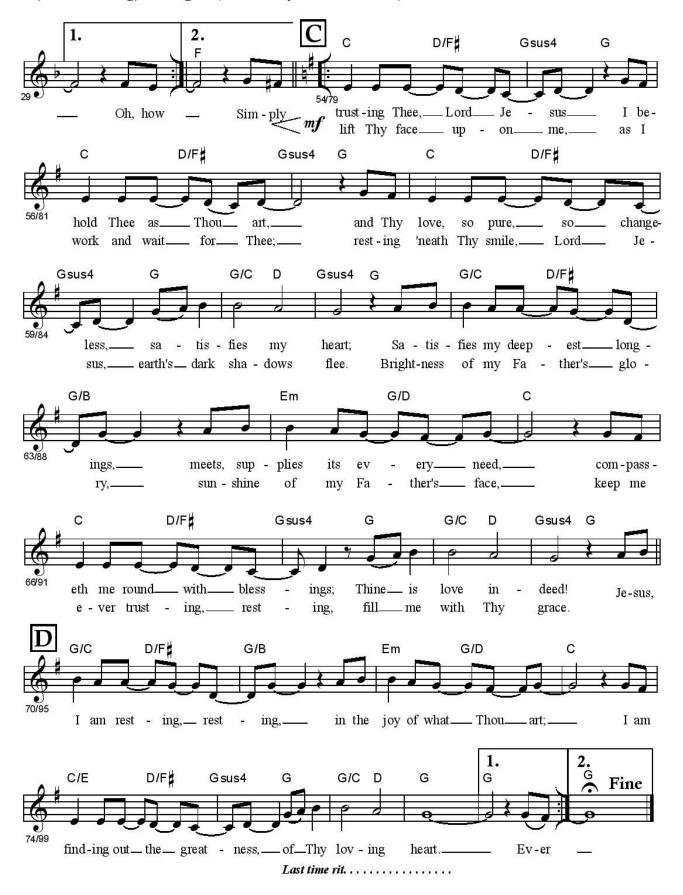
"Our Great High Priest, A Powerful Incentive to Persevere" Hebrews 4:14-5:10

I. Our Great High Priest is Transcendent and Exalted.	
II. Our Great High Priest is Able to Sympathize with Our Weaknesses.	
III. Our Great High Priest is Accessible.	

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"-- (Vocal/Rhythm Lead Sheet)--2



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"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"



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