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# Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

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Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
<u>Establishing</u> Disciples biblically,
<u>Engaging</u> Culture redemptively,
<u>Expanding</u> 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.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Joshua 1:9 printed above.

Welcome

Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

**Refrain:** Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free, exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.

## Refrain

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

\*Refrain\*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

### Refrain

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

## Refrain

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

\*\*Refrain\*\*

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Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home: through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

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Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Invocation

## Corporate Profession of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Hymn

"All I Have Is Christ"

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way; the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell bound race, indiff'rent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is You.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ:
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose and let my song forever be my only boast is You. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

## Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that You love us as you do.

Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of Your love at the cross. Show us what it cost You to give up Your Son that we might become Your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss.

The Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel.

And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.'

The LORD your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken.

And the LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them.

And the LORD will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you.

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it.

It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.

And Moses commanded them, "At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths,

when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law,

and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting.

And the Lord appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud. And the pillar of cloud stood over the entrance of the tent.

And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you."

Sermon Pastor Reed

"The Leader Who Never Needs A Succession Plan"

# Sermon Outline

I. Moses was a Great Leader.
II. Joshua will be a Great Leader.
III. The Lord is the Greater Leader.
Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"
He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! What e'er I do, where e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  *Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.
Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.  *Refrain*
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine, content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. <i>Refrain</i>
And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won, E'en deaths cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. <i>Refrain</i>
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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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