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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

May 12, 2024

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 the church family to build community.

"For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever." Micah 4:5

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Micah 4:5 printed above.

Prelude

Life of the Church

Call to Worsh	ip Psalm 65:1-4
	 [1] Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. [2] O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. [3] When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. [4] Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!
Invocation	
Hymn	"O Worship the King"
	O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
	O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
	The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
	Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
	Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
	O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.
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Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Find Us Faithful"

Choir

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone before us line the way. Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race not only for the prize, but as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us, the heritage of faithfulness passed on thru godly lives.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey. O may all who come behind us find us

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone, and our children sift thru all we've left behind. May the clues that they discover, and the memories they uncover, become the light that leads them, to the road we each must find.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 3:20-21

[20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

[21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid, and therefore though the earth remove, we will not be afraid; though hills amidst the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God, the holy place wherein the Lord Most High has His abode. Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand, for God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved, but when His voice was heard, the troubled earth was stilled to peace before His mighty word. The Lord of hosts is on our side, our safety to secure, the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought; come, see what desolation great He on the earth has brought. To utmost ends of all the earth He causes war to cease; the weapons of the strong destroyed, He makes abiding peace.

"Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high; the subject nations of the earth my name shall magnify." The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure, the God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You and for ignoring Your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that You rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend You in minimizing Your power and squandering Your gifts. We confess that our blindness to Your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

"Speak, O Lord" words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Scripture

Micah 4:1-5

Sermon

"The Heavenly Zion"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode: on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove; who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near: thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name: fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

<u>Sermon Outline</u> *"The Heavenly Zion"* Micah 4:1-5

I. The View from the Ground (v.1-2a)

II. The View from the Top (v.2b-4a)

III. The Vow Made (v.4b-5)



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Speak, O Lord (Hymnal: Key of C)



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