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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
May 14, 2023

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.

"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.'"
Mark 1:17

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Mark 1:17 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! [2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble [3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Invocation

Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 16:14-21

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

[14] "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

[15] but 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

[16] "Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the LORD, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

[17] For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.

[18] But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."

[19] O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.

[20] Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!"

[21] "Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD."

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"A Vision of You"
by Cindy Berry

Choir

Father, You have called me to be holy in all I do,
to be perfect as You are perfect, to keep my eyes fixed on You.
So, let me love so that all the world may see
that Jesus lives and loves through me.
Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.
Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.
May I reflect Your glory; may my heart be faithful and true.
May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.
Through the darkness of night, let me shine as Your light.
Through the pow'r of Your Spirit, let me love as Jesus loves.
Let me love as Jesus loves, with compassion and with holiness.
Let me live as Jesus lives, always ready to forgive.
May I reflect Your glory; may my heart be faithful and true.
May others see Christ in me. May they see a vision of You.
May others see Christ in me, Christ in me.
May they see a vision of You, a vision of You.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow’r:
He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,
without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;
this He gives you, this He gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! th’incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves,
taken up the cross and followed you.
Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear,
we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and
the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and
without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offenses and grant that
by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again.
Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

[6] “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7] let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. [8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1:16-20

Pastor Reed

[16] Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

[17] And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

[18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

[19] And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.

[20] And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

“Fishing for the Kingdom”

Hymn

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

All to Jesus, I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

refrain: *I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
may Thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know Thy pow’r divine.

refrain

All to Jesus, I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Fishing for the Kingdom”
Mark 1:16-20

I. The Call of Discipleship.

II. The Cost of Discipleship.

III. The Calling of Discipleship.

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