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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

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

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”
Romans 8:29, 30

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Romans 8:29, 30 printed above.

Life of the Church

Missions Report

Tom Fox

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:8-12

- ⁸ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!*
⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

Invocation

Hymn

“The Sands of Time are Sinking”

(sheet music pg. 8)

The sands of time are sinking the dawn of heaven breaks,
the summer morn I've sighed for the fair, sweet morn awakes
dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen
it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between
the Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain the deep sweet well of love
the streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above
there to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom's face
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace
not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am by beloved's and my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit I know no other stand.
not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
 the armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
 'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
 fling open wide the golden gates and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fill all the earth and sky!
 What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
 O day, for which creation, and all its tribes were made;
 O joy, for all its former woes a thousand fold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore!
 what knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more!
 Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late,
 orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
 fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power and reign;
 appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
 show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy^[a] the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Profession of Faith

Roger Yancey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

Hymn

“Be Still My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set out hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure.

Forgive us for breaking Your Law and putting these things ahead of You. By Your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on Your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Exodus 34:6-7a

*⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed,
“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
but who will by no means clear the guilty,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”*

Hymn

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

(sheet music pg. 10)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Now Redemption long expected, see in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints by man rejected, now shall meet Him in the air.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly, alleluia, come, Lord, come.

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Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sermon

“Saved to the Uttermost: Glorification”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

(sheet music pg. 11)

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide, extended plains shines one eternal day
there God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

chorus: I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest.

chorus

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Saved to the Uttermost: Glorification”
1 Corinthians 15:35-58

I. The Goal of Glorification.

II. The Meaning of Glorification.

III. The Hope of Glorification.

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

Words by Anne Cousin
Based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters
Traditional Folk Tune
Arranged by Philip Palmertree

1. The sands of time are sink - ing The With-
2. The king there time in His beaut - y The
3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain The The

9 dawn out deep of a sweet hea - ven is breaks, seen love The It The

13 sum - mer a morn - I've sighed for The
streams on well earth - spent jour - ney ed Thought More

17 fair, sev'n deep sweet deaths I'll morn lay drink a-wakes between a-bove Dark, The There

21 dark Lamb had with an been His o - the fair cean mid - ar - night But Doth His
to an o - full - ness His

25 day on mer - spring Mount is - at hand And
cy doth on ex - pand And And And

29 glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land
glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land
glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land

4. The bride eyes not her garment
But her dear bride-groom's face
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land

5. Oh! I am my beloved's
And my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit
I know no other stand
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

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TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND

Words by Henry Alford
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key



1. Ten thou - sand times ten thous - and in spark - ling rai - ment bright, The
2. What rush of al - le - lu - ias fill, All the earth and sky! What
3. O then what rap - tured greet - ings on Can - aan's hap - py shore; What
4. Bring near thy great sal - va - tion, thou Lamb for sin - ners slain; Fill



ar - mies of the ran - somed saints throng, Up the steep of light: 'Tis
ring - ing of a thou - sand harps be - speaks the tri - umph nigh! O
knit - ting sev - ered friend - ship up where part - ings are not more! Then
up the roll of thine elect, then take thy pow - er, and reign: Ap -



fin - ished, all is fin - ished, their fight with death and sin; Fling
day, for which cre - a - tion, and all its tribes were made; O
eyes with joy shall spark - le, that brimmed with tears of late; Or -
pear, de - sire of na - tions, thine ex - iles long for home; Shoe



o - pen wide the gol - den gates, and let the vic - tors in.
joy, for all its for - mer woes, A thou - sand - fold re - paid!
phans no long - er fa - ther - less, nor wi - dows de - so - late.
in the heaven thy prom - ised sign, Thou Prince and Sa - vior, come.

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LO! HE COMES

Words by Charles Wesley
and John Cennick (Vs. 3)
Music by Darwin Jordan
Arranged by Belmont RUF

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of six systems of music, each with a line of lyrics below it. Chord markings (E, A, B) are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are arranged in four columns per system, corresponding to the four verses listed at the beginning of the first system.

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descend - ing,
 2. Eve - ry eye shall now be - hold Him,
 3. Now re - demp - tion long ex - pec - ted,
 4. Yea a - men let all adore Thee,

3 Once Robed for in our dread - sal - va - tion slain
 See in in dread - ful - ma - jes - ty
 High on thine em - pom - ter - nal - throne

6 Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing,
 Those who set sand at naught Him,
 All his saints take by the man re - ject ed,
 Sa - vior take the pow - er and glo - ry

8 Swell Pierced the and tri - umph of His train
 Now shall the nailed meet Him to in the tree
 Claim the king - dom for the thine air own

11 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 O come quick - ly, O come quick - ly,

14 God ap - pears on earth to reign
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see
 See the day of God, - ah see
 Al - le - lu - ia, come Lord come

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

Words by Samuel Stennett
 Music by Christopher Miner
 Arr. by Belmont RUF

Real Key

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
 3. No chill - ing winds nor that pois - onous breath, Can
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To Can - aan's fair and
 one e - ter - nal day There God, the Son for -
 reach that health - ful shore, Sick - ness, sor - row,
 be for - ev - er blessed When shall I see my

hap - py land, Where my po - sses - sions lie
 ev - er reigns, And scat - ters a
 pain and death, Are felt no
 Fa - ther's face, And in his bos - om

2. All

way, (Men) I am (Women) I am bound, I am bound, I am bound I am
 more, rest.

bound for Prom - ised Land I am bound, I am bound, I am
 bound, I am bound I am bound for Prom - ised Land

3. No
 4. When

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