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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
May 17, 2026

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.

*“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”*

2 Timothy 1:13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Timothy 1:13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Recognition of Graduates

Zayne Hilliard, Noah Peery, and Theo Sanford

Call to Worship

Romans 12:102

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

[2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Invocation

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 14

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,
are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith:
and by them believers manifest their thankfulness,
strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren,
adorn the profession of the Gospel,
stop the mouths of the adversaries,
and glorify God, whose workmanship they are,
created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that,
having their fruit unto holiness,
they may have the end, eternal life.

Hymn

“Forever Settled in the Heavens”

Forever settled in the heavens Thy Word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
Thy faithfulness shall never fail; the earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain, Thine every purpose to fulfil;
All things are thine and thee obey, and all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe had not I loved thy law divine;
That law I never can forget; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul, but in thy truth is refuge sure;
Exceeding broad is thy command, and in perfection shall endure.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Father, we are thankful for Your great mercy.
Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.
Help us change our way of life so that we may
desire what is good, love what You love,
and do what You command.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

[13] *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*

[14] *by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

Hymn

"All For Jesus!"

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

Oh what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

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Scripture Reading

Titus 1:10-16

Sermon

"Contradicting Godliness"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

refrain: *To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me.

refrain

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.

refrain

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*Contradicting Godliness*”
Titus 1:10-16

I. The Cretans' character (v.10, 12)

II. The Cretans' content (v.11b,14-15)

III. The Cretans' conduct (v.11b, 16)

IV. The Cretans' correction (v.11a, 13)

1. In what ways, does the description of leaders in verses 10-16 sharply contrast verses 5-9?
2. How does the content of the Cretans' teaching mirror what Jesus rebukes in Matthew 15:1-20?
3. What does Scripture teach about the importance of belief and behavior being in agreement?
4. What should be the primary motivation(s) for correcting error?

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