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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
May 19, 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.

*“There you shall be rescued;  
there the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.”  
Micah 4:10*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Micah 4:10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-6

*[1] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant,  
and a song of praise is fitting.*

*[2] The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

*[3] He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*[4] He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.*

*[5] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond  
measure.*

*[6] The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.*

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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The Sacrament of Baptism

John and Lauren Melton  
James Clifton Melton  
Covenant son of John and Lauren Melton  
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Hymn

*“How Great Thou Art”*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

**refrain:** *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

**refrain**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

**refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-30

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn

*“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”*

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs, and works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;  
behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev’ry hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow’r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You.  
By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts.  
Help us to see You as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart,  
and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners,  
and to follow Him more faithfully. As we have received Him,  
so strengthen us to walk in Him, depend on Him, commune with Him,  
and be conformed to Him. Give us an experience of Your grace that  
makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and  
neighbors of Your saving mercy. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22

*[21] Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for  
you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. [22] I have  
blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your  
sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

Hymn

*“I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)”*

Out of the depths I cry to You in darkest places I will call  
incline Your ear to me anew and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways how could I come before Your throne  
yet full forgiveness meets my gaze I stand redeemed by grace alone.

**chorus:** *I will wait for You, I will wait for you  
on Your Word, I will rely, I will wait for You  
surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone take courage in His power to save  
completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave.

**chorus**

Now He has come to make a way and God Himself has paid the price  
that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

**chorus**

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Scripture

Micah 4:6-13

Sermon

*“The Lord’s Rescue”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“Abide with Me”*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Lord’s Rescue”*  
Micah 4:6-13

I. Rescue brings Hope for the Remnant (v.6-8)

II. Rescue brings Hope out of Judgment (v.9-10)

III. Rescue brings Hope of Victory (v.11-13)

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