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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
May 22, 2022

**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 families to build community.

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."*

James 4:10

Prelude

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

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

*<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

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.

## 1 Timothy 4:6-16

- 6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.*
- 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;*
- 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*
- 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.*
- 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.*
- 11 Command and teach these things.*
- 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*
- 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*
- 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.*
- 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.*
- 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

## Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

## Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Search Me, O God”*

Choir

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? And where shall I go from your presence?  
If I ascend up to heav'n, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there.

If I rise on wings of the morning and dwell in lands across the sea,  
even there will your hand uphold me; and there will your right hand sustain me.  
Even there will your right hand sustain me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Corporate Profession of Faith

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

*5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Hymn

*"King of Saints"*

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb, we will laud Thy lovely name;  
we were saved by God's decree and all our debt was paid by Thee.  
Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to God;  
take this tribute of the poor; less we can't, we can't give more.

***refrain:*** *Souls redeemed, your voices raise, sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.*

Righteous are Thy ways and true; endless honors are Thy due;  
grace and glory in Thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.  
We for whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ransomed sinner train,  
in this one request agree: "Spirit make us more like Thee."

***refrain***

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free,  
till we are raised to sing Your name at the great supper of the Lamb.

O that the months would roll away and bring the Coronation Day!  
the King of saints shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

***refrain***

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse  
us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,  
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace,  
and finding in You our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.*
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger  
forever.*
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor  
repay us according to our iniquities.*
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so  
great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he  
remove our transgressions from us.*

Hymn

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;  
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

- 33:21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.*
- 22 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done. Amon sacrificed to all the images that Manasseh his father had made, and served them.*
- 23 And he did not humble himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself, but this Amon incurred guilt more and more.*
- 24 And his servants conspired against him and put him to death in his house.*
- 25 But the people of the land struck down all those who had conspired against King Amon. And the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.*
- 34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.*
- 2 And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*
- 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.*
- 4 And they chopped down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and he cut down the incense altars that stood above them. And he broke in pieces the Asherim and the carved and the metal images, and he made dust of them and scattered it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.*
- 5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.*
- 6 And in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far as Naphtali, in their ruins all around,*
- 7 he broke down the altars and beat the Asherim and the images into powder and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.*

Hymn

*“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”*

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Tale of Two Kings”*  
2 Chronicles 33:21-34:7

I. Two Assessments

II. Two Attitudes

III. Two Activities



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