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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
May 25, 2025

**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.

*“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us  
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

1 John 4:10

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1John 4:10 printed above.**

Prelude

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3; 31-32

*[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.*

*[31] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous  
works to the children of man!*

*[32] Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and  
praise him in the assembly of the elders.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth;  
before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;  
the tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever— that name to us is Love.

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Scripture Reading

Leviticus 16:1-10; 29-34

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

*"I Will Keep My Eyes on You"*

Choir

I will keep my eyes on You. I will be strong in Your power.  
No matter what the cost, I will follow where You lead me.  
In Your mighty strength I will stand by the power of Your hand.  
I will keep my eyes on You.  
Lord, I will follow, follow where You lead. And as I obey You,  
You'll supply my every need.  
Help me to live each day by faith,  
and not by sight, guided by Your Spirit's light.  
I will keep my eyes on You. I will be strong in Your power.  
No matter what the cost, I will follow where You lead.  
In Your mighty strength I will stand by the power of Your hand.  
I will keep my eyes on You. In my weakness You are strong.  
All Praise and glory to You belong, In Your strength, I can sing the victor's song.  
I will keep my eyes on you. I will be strong in Your power.  
No matter what the cost, I will follow where You lead me.  
In Your mighty strength I will stand by the power of Your hand.  
I will keep my eyes on You.  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn

*"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Awesome and compassionate God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved You. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as You come to us in mercy, we repent, admit our sin, and gratefully receive Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16

*[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

### 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 Reading

1 John 4:7-13

### Sermon

*"This is Love"*

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

*"This is Love"*

1 John 4:7-13

I. The Divine Love (v.7-8)

II. The Display of Love (v.9-10)

III. The Duty of Love (v.11-12)

1. Where might you struggle to believe that "God is love"? What Scriptures might help reinforce this biblical truth?
2. How does Christ help you love as you ought to love?
3. How does Romans 13:8 confirm and add to our motivation to love one another?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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