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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
May 26, 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.

*“And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.”*
Micah 5:4

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Micah 5:4 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

*[1] Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!*

*[2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful
noise to him with songs of praise!*

[3] For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains
are his also.*

[5] The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

*[6] Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker!*

*[7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
unto Him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“The Praise Song”

Choir

I will sing to the Lord with a praise song,
for the Savior heard my cry;
He delivered me out of the miry clay,
and set my feet on a rock.

chorus: *I will praise You, Lord, I will praise You, Lord;
I will praise You all my days.*

*I will praise You, Lord, I will praise You, Lord;
please accept my song, my song of praise.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, sing a new song.
Jesus tore the bars away.

Yes, He conquered each foe with His mighty power,
and changed my night into day.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 26

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O’er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
“Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves.
Though You should rule us, we control ourselves.
Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,
Your power to remote, Your love too free.
But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Heal our confused mind with Your word, heal our divided will with Your
law, heal our troubled conscience with Your love, heal our anxious hearts
with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave
Himself for us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

*[24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By
his wounds you have been healed.*

*[25] For you were straying like sheep, but have now
returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Hymn

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me“

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above:
when my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!

Scripture

Micah 5:1-6

Sermon

“The Lord’s Ruler”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O Risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Lord's Ruler"
Micah 5:1-6

I. The Present Peril (v.1)

II. The Ruler Promised (v.2-4)

III. His People Protected (v.5-6)

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