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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
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**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.

*"Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."  
Ruth 1:16*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Ruth 1:16 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

*[1] Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
[2] For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Come Praise and Glorify"*

(sheet music pg. 8)

Come praise and glorify our God  
the Father of our Lord.  
In Christ, He has in heav'nly realms,  
His blessings on us poured.  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
and now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally.

***chorus:*** *To the praise of Your glory,  
to the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
to the praise of Your glory,  
You are the God who saves.*

Come praise and glorify our God,  
Who gives His grace in Christ,  
In Him our sins are washed away  
redeemed through sacrifice.  
In Him God has made known to us  
the myst'ry of His will,  
that Christ should be the head of all,  
His purpose to fulfill.

***chorus***

Come praise and glorify our God,  
for we've believed the Word.  
And through our faith we have a seal  
the Spirit of the Lord.  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
until redemption's done,  
until we join in endless praise  
to God, the Three in One.

***chorus***

*[11] Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—*

*[12] remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

*[13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

*[14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility*

*[15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,*

*[16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

*[17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

*[18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

*[19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

*[20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,*

*[21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

*[22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

*[18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

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

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You  
 with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves,  
 but we are not sufficient for these things.  
 We confess that our affections continually turn away from You:  
 from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery,  
 from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.  
 Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word,  
 and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts.  
 Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus,  
 that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

### Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Jeremiah 31:33-34

*[33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
 When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.  
 In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
 I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
 when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.  
 Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
 I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.  
 Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
 This my ballast of assurance- see His love forever proved.  
 All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
 when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.  
 We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.  
 And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
 We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

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## Scripture Reading

## Ruth 1:6-22

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[6] *Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.*

[7] *So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.*

[8] *But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.*

[9] *The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.*

[10] *And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."*

[11] *But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"*

[12] *Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,*

[13] *would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me."*

[14] *Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

[15] *And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."*

[16] But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

[17] Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

[18] And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

[19] So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

[20] She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

[21] I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

[22] So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Sermon

*"The Return Home"*

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Hymn

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

**refrain:** *I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
ev'ry hour I need Thee,  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou near by;  
temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.  
**refrain**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.  
**refrain**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will,  
and Thy rich promises in me fulfil.  
**refrain**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.  
**refrain**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Return Home”*  
Ruth 1:6-22

I. Walking by Sight (v.8-14)

II. Clinging by Faith (v.15-18)

III. Blinded by Bitterness (v. 19-22)

# COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

Music and words by  
Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 60$   $\text{8/8}$  A Em7 D

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our  
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in  
praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the

4 A A Em7 D

Lord. In Christ, he has in heav' - ly realms, His bless ings on us  
Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way re-deemed through sa - cri -  
Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the

8 A F#m A D F#m A

poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,  
fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,  
Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re-demp-tion's done,

12 D A Em7 D

and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly  
that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill  
un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

16 A E/G# F#m **CHORUS** E

To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the  
One.

20 A D F#m E

praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,

24 Gadd2 D A A A A **D.S.**

You are the God who saves

2. Come  
3. Come

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# Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Words and Music by  
Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

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## VERSE

C C/B Am G/B C

1. Christ the sure and stead-y an-chor in the fu-ry of the storm, when the winds of doubt blow  
 (2. Christ the) sure and stead-y an-chor while the temp-est rag-es on, when temp-ta-tion claims the  
 (3. Christ the) sure and stead-y an-chor through the floods of un-be-lief. Hope-less, some-how, O my  
 (4. Christ the) sure and stead-y an-chor as we face the wave of death, when these trials give way to

## CHORUS

6 G/B Am G G<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>2</sup> C/E F<sup>2</sup> G

through me and my sails have all been torn. In the suf-fring, in the sor-row, when my sink-ing hopes are  
 bat-tle and it seems the night has won. Deep-er still, then goes the an-chor, though I just-ly stand ac-  
 soul, now lift your eyes to Cal-va-ry. This my bal-last of as-sur-ance— see His love for-ev-er  
 glo-ry, as we draw our fi-nal breath. We will cross that great hor-i-zon, clouds be-hind, and life se-  
 (D.S.) shore of our sal-va-tion, ev-er faith-ful, ev-er

12 Am F<sup>2</sup> G/B Am Fmaj<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> C

few, I will hold fast to the an-chor; it shall nev-er be re-moved.  
 -cused. I will hold fast to the an-chor; it shall nev-er be re-moved.  
 proved. All my hope is in the an-chor; it shall nev-er be re-moved.  
 -cused. And the calm will be the bet-ter, for the storms that we en-dured.  
 true. We will hold fast to the an-chor; it shall nev-er be re-moved.

17 C/B Am<sup>7</sup> | 1, 2, 3. F<sup>2</sup> || 4. F<sup>2</sup> C/E D.S. || 5. F<sup>2</sup> C

2.3.4. Christ the Christ the

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