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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
May 29, 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.

*"And the men did the work faithfully."*

2 Chronicles 34:12

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 2 Chronicles 34:12 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God  
chosen and precious,*

*<sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;  
we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

*<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning  
you in our prayers,*

*<sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor  
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,*

*<sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power  
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of  
men we proved to be among you for your sake.*

*<sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the  
word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,*

*<sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and  
in Achaia.*

<sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“All Good Gifts”*

Choir

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land.  
But it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.  
Thank You, All good gifts, all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all His love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.  
All good gifts, all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, Oh thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all His love.

We thank Thee then, o Father, for all things bright and good:  
the seedtime and harvest, our life, our health our food;  
no gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts,  
but that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.  
All good gifts, all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, o thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all His love.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.  
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

## Hymn

*“Thy Mercy My God, is the Theme of My Song”*

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here:  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
and weep for the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and Your people. We have not loved You or loved our neighbor as You have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

*<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.*

*<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

*<sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.*

*“All I Have is Christ”*

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;  
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell bound race, indiff'rent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
and I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace!  
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
and let my song forever be my only boast is You.  
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Scripture

2 Chronicles 34:8-21

- <sup>8</sup> Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.*
- <sup>9</sup> They came to Hilkiah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had collected from Manasseh and Ephraim and from all the remnant of Israel and from all Judah and Benjamin and from the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*
- <sup>10</sup> And they gave it to the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD. And the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD gave it for repairing and restoring the house.*
- <sup>11</sup> They gave it to the carpenters and the builders to buy quarried stone, and timber for binders and beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had let go to ruin.*
- <sup>12</sup> And the men did the work faithfully. Over them were set Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to have oversight. The Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music,*
- <sup>13</sup> were over the burden-bearers and directed all who did work in every kind of service, and some of the Levites were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.*
- <sup>14</sup> While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses.*
- <sup>15</sup> Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.*

- 16 Shaphan brought the book to the king, and further reported to the king, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing.*
- 17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD and have given it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen."*
- 18 Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it before the king.*
- 19 And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.*
- 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,*
- 21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."*

Sermon

Pastor Coyle

*"Faithfulness on Display"*

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  
*“Faithfulness on Display”*  
2 Chronicles 34:8-12

I. Faithful Repair (v.8-13)

II. Faithful Reading (v.14-18)

III. Faithful Response (v.19-21)

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