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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
May 5, 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.

*“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”*
Hosea 6:6

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Hosea 6:6 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Ministry Report

STEP Ministries

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:9-14

[9] And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, [10] and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” [11] Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” [13] And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” [14] And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ,
still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let Your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight;
be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in Your blood, nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood, safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die,"
" let me know it "gain to die."

Scripture Reading

Hosea 6:1-6

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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!

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon

“Controversial Evangelism”

Rev. Rob Ilderton

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Hymn

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
could give the guilty conscience peace, or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name, and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of Thine,
while like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens Thou didst bear,
when hanging on the cursèd tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing His bleeding love.

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Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, gracious Father,
we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence,
but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.
Through Him we would now come near to You,
listening to Your voice, trusting in Your love,
delighting in Your word, and leaning on Your arm.
We joyfully beg to see Your face!
Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols,
that we may shine in the world with the radiant light
of Your Spirit and Your character.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1, 37-39

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
women: the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
men: the shadow, in a weary land
women: a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
men: a home of rest, upon the way
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
women: the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
men: the One who suffered there for me.
women: and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
men: and from my heart, I confess
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, the shadow for my abiding place:
women: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
men: I ask no other, than His face
women: content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
men: content to know, no gain nor loss
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes
“Controversial Evangelism”
Matthew 9:9-13

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