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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
May 7, 2023

**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.

*"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."  
Luke 5:32*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Luke 5:32 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-4

*[1] Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
[2] For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. [3] He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
[4] He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*

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

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed  
thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Claire Marie Walls  
Covenant daughter of Mike and Kaley Walls

Dylan Kang  
Jenny Liu  
Lily Xu

Hymn

*“Blessed Assurance”*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

***refrain:*** *This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

***refrain***

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

***refrain***

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

*[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has  
anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind  
up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the  
opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

*[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance  
of our God; to comfort all who mourn;*

[3] to grant to those who mourn in Zion - to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

[4] They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*  
by Gilbert M. Martin

Choir

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of His love,  
leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore;  
He who loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!  
He who died to save his loved ones, intercedes for them above;  
He who called them His own people, watches over them in love.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of ev'ry love the best,  
Vast the ocean of His blessing, sweet the haven of His rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus for my heav'n of heavens is He;  
This my everlasting glory Jesus' mighty love for me! Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Hymn

*“My Hope Is in the Lord”*

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,  
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

**refrain:** *For me He died, for me He lives,  
and everlasting life and life He freely gives.*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,  
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

**refrain**

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.

**refrain**

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,  
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-15

Pastor Reed

*[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,*

*[15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

Sermon

*"The Time is Fulfilled"*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*"Jesus, I Come"*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,  
but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.  
We are spiritually poor, but You are rich  
and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.  
Strengthen our faith and trust in You.  
We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.  
We are weak in faith; strengthen us.  
We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You  
that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

*[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*[10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

***refrain:*** *Life up your heart, lift up your voice!*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
***refrain***

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
***refrain***

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet,  
***refrain***

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take His servants up to their eternal home.  
***refrain***

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Time is Fulfilled”*  
Mark 1:14-15

I. Jesus' Ministry

II. Jesus' Message

III. Jesus' Mandate

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