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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*May 8, 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 adhering to the Westminster Standards, **missional** by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and **relational** by encouraging families to build community.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 2:17

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 2:17 printed above.

Life of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:9, 10, 12, 13b

- 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."
- 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 b "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Hymn

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
in His arms He carries them all day long:

refrain: Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness, praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;
crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong:

refrain

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Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **chorus**

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

Psalm 110

- ¹ The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- ² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- ³ Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
- ⁵ The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- ⁶ He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.
- ⁷He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"I Will Keep My Eyes on You" by Cindy Berry

Choir

refrain

I will keep my eyes on You. I will be strong in your power.
No matter what the cost, I will follow where You lead me.
In Your mighty strength I will stand by the power of Your hand.
I will keep my eyes on You.

Lord, I will follow, follow where You lead. And as I obey You, You'll supply my every need. Help me to live each day by faith and not by sight, Guided by Your Spirit's light.

refrain

In my weakness, You are strong. All praise and glory to You belong. In Your strength, I can sing the victor's song.

refrain

I will keep my eyes on You.

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Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow, all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling; naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Scripture

Hebrews 5:1-10

- ¹ For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
- ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

- 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
- ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."
- ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
- ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
- 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
- 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Sermon

"Jesus, Our Fully Qualified Great High Priest"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Jesus, My Great High Priest" (to the tune "Rejoice, the Lord Is King")

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died; my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the Throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high; The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

<u>Sermon Outline</u> "Jesus, Our Fully Qualified Great High Priest" Hebrews 5:1-10

I. Aaron's Qualifications.		
II. Jesus' Qualifications.		

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