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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

May 9, 2021

*Covenant's Mission Statement*  
Covenant seeks to glorify God by  
*Establishing* Disciples biblically,  
*Engaging* Culture redemptively,  
*Expanding* Christ's Church faithfully.

*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.

*"Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man."  
Psalm 66:5*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Psalm 66:5 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Caring Hearts Ministry Report

Susanne Lewis

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28-29

*<sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that  
cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable  
worship, with reverence and awe,*

*<sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia! alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

***refrain:*** *O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
***refrain***

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,  
***refrain***

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
***refrain***

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
***refrain***

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Hymn

*“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,  
we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, escape You will make us,  
and with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
to You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to You, our great Redeemer, for ever be praise.

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Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,  
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.  
5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.  
6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort,  
which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.  
7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our  
comfort.  
8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers,<sup>[b]</sup> of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were  
so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.  
9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves  
but on God who raises the dead.  
10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will  
deliver us again.  
11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us  
through the prayers of many.*

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD  
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Hymn

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
this is my earnest plea,

***refrain:*** *more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
more love to Thee, more love to Thee.*

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now Thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
this all my prayer shall be,  
***refrain***

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;  
sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me,  
***refrain***

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,  
this still its prayer shall be,  
***refrain***

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten.

Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in Your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself.

Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb, we will laud Thy lovely name;  
 We were saved by God's decree and all our debt was paid by Thee.  
 Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to God;  
 Take this tribute of the poor; less we can't, we can't give more.

**refrain:** Souls redeemed, your voices raise, Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
 Worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are Thy ways, and true; endless honors are Thy due;  
 Grace and glory in Thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.  
 We for whom thou once was slain, we Thy ransomed sinner train,  
 In this one request agree: "Spirit make us more like thee."

**refrain**

May every time of worship see your grace revealed more rich and free,  
 Till we are raised to sing your name at the great supper of the Lamb.  
 O that the months would roll away and bring the coronation day!  
 The King of saints shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

**refrain**

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## Scripture

## Psalm 66

<sup>1</sup> *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

<sup>2</sup> *sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!*

<sup>3</sup> *Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.*

<sup>4</sup> *All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."*

<sup>5</sup> *Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.*

<sup>6</sup> *He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,*

<sup>7</sup> *who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.*

<sup>8</sup> *Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,*

<sup>9</sup> *who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.*

<sup>10</sup> *For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.*

<sup>11</sup> *You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;*

<sup>12</sup> *you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.*

<sup>13</sup> *I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,*

<sup>14</sup> *that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.*

- 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; will make an offering of bulls and goats.*
- 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.*
- 17 I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on<sup>[a]</sup> my tongue.<sup>[b]</sup>*
- 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.*
- 19 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.*
- 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!*

Sermon

*“When Prayers are Answered”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
I, I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“When Prayers are Answered”*  
Psalm 66

I. Come and See (v.5-12).

II. Come and Hear (v.13-20).

III. Come and Worship (v.1-4, 20).

# King of Saints

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #857

Words - Joseph Hart, 1712-1768

Music - Clint Wells, 2004

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. Chords are indicated above the staff lines: G, D/F#, Emin, C(add9), D, G, D/F#, Emin, C(add9), D, G, G, D/F#, Emin, C(add9), D, G.

Jes - us Christ, God's hol - y lamb, We will laud thy lovel - y name;  
Right-eous are thy ways and true; End - less hon - ors are thy due;

We were saved by God's dec - ree, And all our debt was paid by thee.  
Grace and glor - y in thee shine; Match - less merc - y, love div - ine.

Thou has washed us in thy blood, Made us kings  
We for whom thou once was slain, We thy ran -

and priests to God; Take this trib - ute of the poor;  
somed sin - ner train, In this one re - quest ag - ree,

Less we can't, we can't give more. Souls red - eemed,  
"Spir - it make us more like thee."

your voic - es raise, Sing your dear Red - eem - er's praise; Worth - y thou

of love and laud, King of saints, inc - ar - nate God.

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free,  
Till we are raised to sing Your name at the great supper of the Lamb.  
O that the months would roll away and bring the Coronation Day!  
The King of Saints shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.



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