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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
November 10, 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.

*And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God."  
Mark 11:22*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Mark 11:22 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28-29

*[28] 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, [29] for our God is a consuming fire.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
within the kingdom of His might, Lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God, with me,  
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,  
to God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,  
to God all praise and glory!

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Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"He's Got the Whole World with This Is My Father's World"*  
arr. by Joel Rainey

Adult and Children's  
Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

## Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:  
That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day,  
and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
He is our Lord and our God.

## Hymn

### *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a 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  
the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:  
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

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

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You.  
By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts.  
Help us to see You as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.  
Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully.  
As we have received Him, so strengthen us to walk in Him,  
depend on Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to Him.  
Give us an experience of Your grace that makes us bold for others,  
that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of Your saving mercy. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

*[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

## Hymn

### *“Like a River Glorious”*

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day, perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

**refrain:** *Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

**refrain**

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do; they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

**refrain**

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By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design,  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,  
of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.

**chorus:** *We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

**chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon His name.

**chorus:** *We will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*Oh, we will stand as children of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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Sermon Outline  
*“The Fruit of Faith”*  
Mark 11:12-25

I. Fruitlessness of the Fig Tree.

II. Fruitlessness in the Temple.

III. Fruitfulness of Faith.

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