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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
November 12, 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.

*As it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Romans 9:33

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Romans 9:33 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

*[4] As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,*

*[5] you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*[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.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;  
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Gabrielle Celeste Allison  
Covenant daughter of Micah and Jessica Allison

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
 there is no shadow of turning with Thee:  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

**refrain:** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
 all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -  
 great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
 join with all nature in manifold witness  
 to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61

Bob Tramel, 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 in-  
 stead 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.*

*[5] Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners  
 shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;*

*[6] but you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall  
 speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the  
 wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.*

*[7] Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.*

*[8] For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.*

*[9] Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.*

*[10] I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

*[11] For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.*

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Adoration”*  
arr. by Tom Fettke

Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature! Son of God and Son of man!  
Light of my soul's glory, joy and crown.  
Fair the morning sunshine, fair the ev'ning moonlight,  
bright and beautiful are all the sparkling stars in space.  
Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer, Jesus shines in radiant beauty,  
shines in boundless love and grace.  
Lord of all creation, we offer praise and adoration.  
Now and forever. Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

*[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

*[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

*[30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

Hymn

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine; now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day  
be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changeless be,  
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray  
from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,  
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

*[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*[2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

*[3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*

*[4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;  
 free and changeless is His favor, all is well;  
 precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
 strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;  
 ours is such a full salvation: all is well;  
 happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
 steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;  
 faith can sing through days of sorrow; all is well;  
 on our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying,  
 yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Pastor Reed

*[1] He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.*

*[2] And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?"*

*[3] Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.*

*[4] And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."*

*[5] And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.*

*[6] And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.*

Sermon

"A Faithless Homecoming"

Pastor Reed

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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
“*A Faithless Homecoming*”  
Mark 6:1-6

I. Teaching of Jesus.

II. Offended by Jesus.

III. Unbelief in Jesus.



# By Faith

Words and Music by  
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Steadily (♩ = 76)

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 4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the  
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

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D.C. last time

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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