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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 13, 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 seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and **relational** by encouraging families to build community.

'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, for our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28-29

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 12:28-29 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3, 8-9

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Invocation

Hymn

"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord; for wonders great by him are done, His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad; before the heathen's wond'ring sight He has revealed His truth and right.

He called to mind His truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race; and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice, with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise His name.

For lo, He comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand; in justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

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- ¹⁵ "Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,
- ¹⁶ beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
- ¹⁷ the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,
- ¹⁸ the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth.
- ¹⁹ And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.
- ²⁰ But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.
- ²¹ Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.
- ²² For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land.
- ²³ Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you.
- ²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- ²⁵ "When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger,
- ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed.
- ²⁷ And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.
- ²⁸And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.
- ²⁹ But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

3º When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice.

³¹ For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Immortal, Invisible" by Dick Torrans Choir

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes. Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love!

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small, in all life Thou livest the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and whither and perish but naught changeth Thee!

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee! Amen, Amen, Amen!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Tom Fox, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

- 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.

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name. He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame. He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies; called us by His grace and taught us gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threaten hard to bear us down for the Lord our strong salvation holds in view the conqu'ror's crown. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store when through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood. He who washed us with His blood. Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky.

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Micah 7:18-20

- ¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.
- ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
- ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Hymn

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends, Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days. Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King; Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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Scripture

Hebrews 12:25-29

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

- ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."
- ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.
- 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.

Sermon

Pastor Reed

"The Response to An Unshakable Kingdom" Part 2

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.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

"The Response to An Unshakable Kingdom" Part 2

Hebrews 12:25-29

Last week: The believer's hope in Heavenly Zion that is infinitely superior to earthly Sinai.

This week: Responses to receiving an Unshakable Kingdom.

I. Faith

II. Grateful Worship

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