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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 14, 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.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Colossians 4:2 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

- ¹ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Invocation

Hymn

(sheet music pgs. 7&8)

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; oh, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

refrain

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev'ry age; "Our God is all in all." refrain

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 136

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. ² Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever; ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; ७ to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; ७ the moon and stars to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹ to him

¹⁴ and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹⁵ but overthrew[a] Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; ¹⁸ and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; ²⁰ and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever; ²¹ and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; ²² a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever; ²⁴ and rescued us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; ²⁵ he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. ²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

- ¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
- ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Freydl, Deacon

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Hymn

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (to the tune "The Church's One Foundation")

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load: I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains white in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem: I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares; He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus, the Father's Holy Child: I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng, to sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels' song.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; in our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged You and so our paths have been crooked before You.

Forgive us our sins and teach us by Your Spirit to fear You and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-27

- ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Hymn

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King. He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come! Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man, in His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man, Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory! See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold, bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him; Praise the Lord, He is alive! What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes. What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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- ² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
- ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—
- 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.
- 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
- ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Sermon

"The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Living as a New Creation for the World"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee: thou wilt find a solace there.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline "The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Living as a New Creation for the World" Colossians 4:2-6

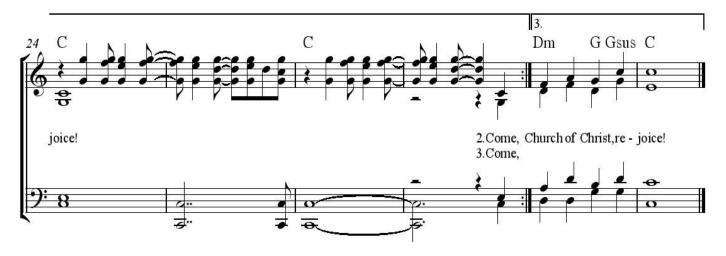
I. Prayer Warriors.

II. Wise Witnesses.

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend Jubilant (J = 108) C/E F C/E F C/E G F C C/E1.Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your those whose joy is morn-ing sun, and those weep-ing through the night. Come, those who tell of young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or C G Am F F C/E the Morn - ing Star of hearts to sing to grace. From the shift - ing sha-dows of the earth bat - tles won, and those strug-gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to Refrain C C F F C/E G C/E F G Am lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to___ gath - er child-ren in. fol-low us through all our days with the cer-tain hope of peace. mer-cies nev - er cease, shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our_ God is all in all." F/G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G G G Let ev-'ry tonguere - joice! One heart, oh, Church of Christ, rejoice! Re-joice! one voice;

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