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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 16, 2025

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.

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Mark 10:45 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:8-12

[8] And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

[9] And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

[10] and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

[11] Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

[12] saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Invocation

Hymn

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O Risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Evelyn Marie Shryock
Covenant child of Joshua and Kristen Shryock

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
 melt the cloud of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
 stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
 Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
 Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
 joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“You Are Worthy of My Praise”

Choir

I will worship with all of my heart. I will praise you with all of my strength.
 I will seek You all of my days. I will follow all of Your ways.
 I will give You all my worship. I will give You all my praise.
 You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.
 I will bow down, hail You as King. I will serve You, give You everything.
 I will lift up my eyes to Your throne. I will trust You, trust You alone.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

[16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
 visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers
 or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

[17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

[18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning,
 the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be
 preeminent.

[19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

[20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
 whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood
 of his cross.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought,
every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life; ‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

final chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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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.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-5

*[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law,*

*[5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as sons.*

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 15:33-41

Sermon

“For Us!”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM;
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

"For Us!"

Mark 15:33-41

I. Darkness.

II. Forsaken.

III. Death.

1. How does the darkness that enveloped Egypt in Exodus 10:22 help us understand the significance of the darkness that was "over the whole land" the 6th to 9th hours of the crucifixion of Jesus?
2. How are we to understand God the Father forsaking (deserting) God the Son, yet still loving the Son? What was the purpose of Jesus being forsaken?
3. What is the significance of "the curtain of the temple" being "torn in two, from top to bottom"? What did Jesus' death accomplish?

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