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# Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 20, 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.

# " ...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Ephesians 5:20

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Ephesians 5:20 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
- <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Invocation

Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses, the sun in it's orbit, obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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For the beauty of the earth for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

**chorus:** Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, *chorus* 

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *chorus* 

For the Church that evermore, lifteth holy hands above offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love. *chorus* 

For Thyself best gift divine, to our race so freely given for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in Heaven. **chorus** 

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Scripture Reading

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

## Ephesians 2:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
- <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
- <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
- 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

"Thanksgiving (A Medley of Hymns" arr. by Craig Curry Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the song of harvest home!
Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love; Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord an alleluia!

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today; Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the song of harvest home!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, Give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach. Help us to flee it.

We have no Master but you, no law but your will, no delight but yourself, no wealth but what you give, no good but what you bless, no peace but what you bestow. We are nothing but what you make of us, we have nothing but what we receive from you.

We can be nothing but that grace adorns us.

Quarry us deep, dear Lord, and then fill us to overflowing with living water. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

## Romans 8:1-4

- <sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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## Habakkuk 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

<sup>19</sup> GoD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Sermon

"The Fundamentals of a Grateful Life"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father, now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaventhe one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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**Scriptural Benediction** 

Postlude

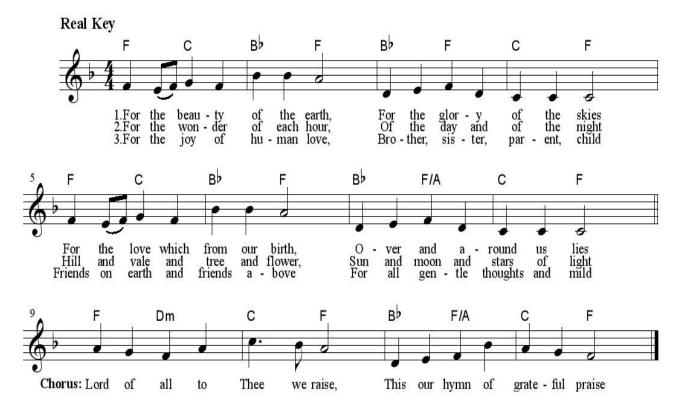
# <u>Sermon Outline</u> "The Fundamentals of a Grateful Life" Habakkuk 3:17-19

I.	Rest in the Lord.
II.	Rejoice in the Lord.

III. Rely on the Lord.

# FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Words by Folliott S. Pierpoint Music by Conrad Kocher



4. For the Church that evermore, Lifteth holy hands above Offering up on every shore, Her pure sacrifice of love

5. For Thyself best gift divine, To our race so freely given For that great, great love of Thine Peace on earth and joy in Heaven

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