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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
November 5, 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.

*“Mark the blameless and behold the upright,  
for there is a future for the man of peace.”*

Psalm 37:7

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 37:7 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Revelation 19:6, 7a

*[6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.*

*[7] Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

(stanzas 1-4, 7)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:1-9, 39-40

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

*[1] Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!*

*[2] For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.*

*[3] Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*

*[4] Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

*[5] Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

*[6] He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

*[7] Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*

*[8] Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*

*[9] For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*

*[39] The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.*

*[40] The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.*

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Great, Great Morning”*

Choir

My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.  
It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin'  
when we hear that trumpet sound.  
Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power  
and His trumpet blast will shake the ground.  
All the saints will rise and be taken to the skies.  
They will meet King Jesus in the air.  
Though we may not know the hour,  
we know Christ will come in power  
and His trumpet blast will shake the ground.  
In a that great getting' up mornin', in that great getting' up mornin',  
fare thee well, fare the well.  
in that great getting' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well.  
It's gonna be a gettin' up mornin', it's gonna be a getting' up mornin'.  
My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin'.  
It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin'  
when we hear that trumpet sound.  
Though we may not know the hour,  
we know Christ will come in power  
and His trumpet blast will shake the ground.  
I'll fly away, O glory! I'll fly away, in the mornin'.  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I'll fly away!  
In the twinkling of an eye, we will mount up to the sky.  
Alleluia, we shall all be changed.  
It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin'.  
O I'll fly away O glory! I'll fly away, I'll fly away.

words by J. Paul Williams/music by Joseph M. Martin/CCLI 209271

Corporate Profession of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

*[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

Hymn

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
you have given us a sure hope and future,  
yet we confess that we have set out hope on other things:  
money, family, success, pleasure.  
Forgive us for breaking your Law  
and putting these things ahead of you.  
By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises  
and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 42:5

*Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation.*

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
for on the holy cross has Thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

Pastor Reed

*[21] And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea.*

*[22] Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet*

*[23] and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”*

*[24] And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.*

*[25] And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,*

*[26] and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.*

*[27] She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.*

*[28] For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”*

*[29] And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.*

*[30] And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”*

*[31] And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”*

*[32] And he looked around to see who had done it.*

*[33] But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.*

[34] And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

[35] While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

[36] But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

[37] And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

[38] They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

[39] And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."

[40] And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.

[41] Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

[42] And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

[43] And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

*"Waiting for Hope in Hopelessness"*

Pastor Reed

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

*"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"*

(sheet music pg. 9)

Lord we adore Thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,  
of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in Thy beloved Son.

**chorus:** *Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor, the Savior's bounty taste,  
behold a never failing store for ev'ry willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of ev'ry good;  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine! How rich Thy flowing blood!

**chorus**

Here shall your num'rous wants receive a free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die.

**chorus**

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"*

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,  
still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ,  
still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let Your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight;  
be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give;  
till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live,"  
may I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in Your blood, nothing shall my heart confound;  
safely I shall pass the flood, safely reach Immanuel's ground,  
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;  
having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die,"  
" let me know it "gain to die."

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“Waiting for Hope in Hopelessness”*  
Mark 5:21-43

I. An Acute Need for Hope.

II. A Chronic Need for Hope.

III. An Everlasting Supply of Hope.



# Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor

Anne Steele (1716-1778)

Brian T Murphy

A A/C# F#m E D

1. Lord we a - dore thy bound - less grace.  
 2. O won - drous gifts of love di - vine,  
 3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive.

3 A/C# D Esus E

The heights and depths un - known,  
 Dear Source of ev - 'ry good;  
 A free, a full sup - ply;

5 A A/C# F#m E D

Of par - don, life, and joy, and peace,  
 Je - sus, in thee what glo - ries shine!  
 He has un - meas - ured bliss to give,

7 A/C# Esus E A

In thy be - lov - ed Son. Come, all ye pin -  
 How rich thy flow - ing blood!  
 And joys that nev - er die.

9 A A/G# F#m E D A/C# D E

ing, hun - gry poor, The Sav - ior's boun - ty taste; Be - hold a ne -

13 A A/G# F#m E D A/C# E A

ver - fail - ing store. For ev - 'ry will - ing guest.

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