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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

November 8, 2020

*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.

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

1 Peter 2:9

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1 Peter 2:9 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5; 9-10

*<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of  
God chosen and precious,*

*<sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual  
house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable  
to God through Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people  
for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you  
had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
‘tis music in the sinner's ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

To Christ the Lord let every tongue, its noblest tribute bring  
 when He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?  
 Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell,  
 think of the wonder of His grace, and all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned, upon His awful brow  
 His head with radiant glories crowned, His lips with grace o'erflow;  
 no mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men,  
 and fairer He than all the fair, that fills the heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief  
 for me He bore the shameful cross, and carried all my grief;  
 His hand a thousand blessings pour, upon my guilty head,  
 His presence gilds my darkest hours, and guards my sleeping bed.

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have  
 He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave;  
 to Heaven the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet,  
 shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete.

Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine,  
 had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine;  
 a thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring,  
 yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!  
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 yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

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## Scripture Reading

## Psalm 146

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul!*
- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.*
- <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.*
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*
- <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;*

*<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.*

*<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.*

*<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!*

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Hymn

*“Wonderful, Merciful Jesus”*

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend,  
who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
O You rescue the souls of men.

**chorus:** You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
O our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
O we’ve hopelessly lost the way.

**chorus**

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,  
here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
O we’re falling before Your throne.

**chorus**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have not honored your name; we have not sought your kingdom first; we have not done your will.

We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Nehemiah 9:17

*They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.*

### Hymn

#### *“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

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### \*Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> *“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

<sup>14</sup> *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

<sup>15</sup> *Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

<sup>16</sup> *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

\*Hymn

*“The Light of the World Is Jesus”*

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;  
the Light of the world is Jesus; like sunshine at noonday,  
His glory shone in, the Light of the world is Jesus.

***Refrain:*** *Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;  
sweetly the light has dawned upon me;  
once I was blind, but now I can see;  
the Light of the world is Jesus!*

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,  
the Light of the world is Jesus; we walk in the light  
when we follow our Guide, the Light of the world is Jesus!

***Refrain***

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin blinded eyes,  
the Light of the world is Jesus; go, wash, at His bidding,  
and light will arise, the Light of the world is Jesus!

***Refrain***

No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told,  
the Light of the world is Jesus; the Lamb is the Light  
in the City of Gold, the Light of the world is Jesus!

***Refrain***

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
“*An Influential Disciple*” Part 2  
Matthew 5:13-16

I. The Light.

II. The Reflectors.

III. Witnesses.

# TO CHRIST THE LORD

Words by Samuel Stennett  
and Laura Taylor  
Music by Laura Taylor

E B A B

1. To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, Its nob - lest tri - bute bring when  
2. Ma - jes - tic sweet - ness sits en - throned, Up - on His aw - ful brow His  
3. He saw me plunged in deep dis - tress, He fled to my re - lief For  
4. To Him I owe my life and breath And all the joys I have He  
5. Since from His boun - ty I re - ceive Suchproofs of love di - vine, Had

6 E B A B

He's the sub - ject of the song, Who can re - fuse to sing? — Sur -  
head with ra - diant glo - ries crowned, His lips with grace o'er - flow; — No  
me He bore the shame - ful cross, And car - ried all my grief; — His  
makes me tri - umph o - ver death And saves me from the grave; — To  
I a thou - sand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine; — A

10 C#m B A E C#m B A

vey the beau - ties of His face, And on His glor - ies dwell, — think  
mor - tal can with Him com - pare, A - mong the sons of me, — And  
hand a thou - sand bless - ings pours, Up - on my guilt - y head, — His  
Heaven the place of His a - bode, He brings my wea - ry feet, — Shows  
Thou - sand men could not com - pose A wor - thy song to bring, — Yet

14 A B A B E 1-4 B

of the won - der of His grace, And all his tri - umphs — tell.  
fair - er He than all the fair, That fills the Heaven - ly — train.  
pre - sence gilds my darkest hours, And guards my sleep - ing — bed.  
me the glor - ies of my God And makes my joy com - plete.  
Your love is a mel - o - dy Our hearts can't help but —

19 A B E 5 C#m B A E C#m B

sing! A thou - sand men could not com - pose A wor - thy song to

25 A A B A B E

bring, — Yet Your love is a mel - o - dy Our hearts can't help but — sing!



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