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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 1, 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.

*"Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,
for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

1 Peter 5:5

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 1 Peter 5:5 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

[30] And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

[31] so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"

(sheet music pgs. 8-10)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks;
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth it is Your throne, from desert to the sea;
all nature testifies Your splendor.

chorus: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing His greatness all creation.*

*Praise the Lord, raise your voice;
you heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.*

You reached into the dust; in love, Your Spirit breathed.
You formed us in Your very likeness.
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds;
to join the everlasting chorus:

chorus

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
all heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let ev'ry nation bring its honors to the King;
a roar of harmonies eternal.

final chorus: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing His greatness all creation.*

*Praise the Lord, raise your voice; you heights and all you depths,
from furthest east to west, you distant burning stars,
all creatures near and far, from sky to sea to shore,
sing out forevermore;
Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord!*

[1] So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: [2] shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; [3] not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. [4] And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. [5] Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. [6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, [7] casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [9] Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. [10] And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
arr. by Mark Hayes

Choir

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms of God?
I have such blessed peace with Jesus, my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Talkin’ ‘bout Jesus, talkin’ ‘bout my sweet Savior,
Jesus keeps me happy and safe. From all alarms.
Talkin’ ‘bout Jesus, talkin’ ‘bout the Rock of Ages,
forever leaning on the everlasting arms.
The arms of Jesus, the arms of my sweet Savior, sweet Savior,
yes, I’m leaning on the everlasting arms!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Hymn

“That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”
(to the tune *“Forever Trusting in the Lord”*)

That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,
who will not stand with wicked men, who shuns the scorners' seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his portion and delight,
and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree set by the rivers' side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.

The wicked like the driven chaff are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just, nor in the judgment stand.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to Him is known;
the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:27:35

Pastor Coyle

[27] Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

[28] Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.

[29] Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.

[30] Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm.

[31] Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways,

[32] for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

[33] The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

[34] Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

[35] The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace.

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Hymn

“The Power of the 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.*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/CCLI 209271

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have not loved You from the heart nor have we loved
our neighbors as ourselves.

You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and
unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only
to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty.

Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by
Your Spirit to reflect Your love and kindness. In the name
of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*Wisdom in Practice*”
Proverbs 3:27-35

I. The Wise are Good Neighbors (v.27-30)

II. The Wise Guard Their Hearts (v.31)

III. The Wise Receive Grace (v.32-35)

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Words and Music by
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

With Wonder ♩ = 77

E ESus B/E E

1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks; You paint the eve - ning sky with
2. You reached in - to the dust; in love, Your Spi - rit breathed. You formed us in your ve - ry

ESus E E ESus B/E

won - ders. The earth it is Your throne, from de - sert to the sea; All
like - ness. To know Your won - drous works, to tell Your might - y deeds; To

V2:
e - ver - las - ting

C#m A B E **Refrain**

na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor.
join the e - ver - las - ting cho - rus: } Praise the Lord, _____ Praise the

F#m7 E/G# A B C#m7

Lord; _____ Sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the Lord, _____ Raise your

B/D# E/G# A E/G#

voice; You heights and all you depths, from fur - thest east to west, let ev - 'ry-thing that

F#m7 B E A/E B/E C#m E/G#

has breath praise the Lord. 2. You Lord.

A B C#m E/G# A

3. Let

F Bb/F F F/A

sym - pho-nies re-sound Let drums and choirs ring out, All heav - en hear the sound of

Bb F F Bb/F

wor - ship Let ev - 'ry Na - tion bring its hon - ors to the King; a

Dm F/A B \flat C **Refrain** F

roar of har - mo - nies e - ter - nal. Praise the Lord, Praise the

Gm⁷ F/A B \flat C

Lord; Sing His great - ness all cre - a - - tion. Praise the

Dm⁷ C/E F/A B \flat

Lord, Raise your voice; You heights and all you depths, from fur - thest east to

F/A B \flat F/A

west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to

Gm⁷ F/A B \flat C F

shore, sing out for - ev - er - more; Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord!

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