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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 10, 2021

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
<u>Establishing</u> Disciples biblically,
<u>Engaging</u> Culture redemptively,
<u>Expanding</u> 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.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Romans 12:1 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Invocation

Hymn

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede, His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

chorus

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

chorus

- ¹⁴ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'
- ¹⁷ "For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,
- ¹⁸ and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever."
- 19 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:
- ²⁰ "Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time,
- ²¹ then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.
- ²² As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me."
- 23 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah:
- ²⁴ "Have you not observed that these people are saying, 'The LORD has rejected the two clans that he chose'? Thus they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight.
- ²⁵ Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth,
- ²⁶ then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Hymn

"Satisfied"

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me 'till my strength was almost gone.

Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on. **chorus**

Poor I was and sought for riches something that would satisfy. But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry. **chorus**

Well of water ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free. Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

We admit that our hearts are full of idols.

Even when we worship You, we are half-hearted; our thoughts of You are too small; we make You in our own image rather than worship You in spirit and in truth.

Thank You that You have saved us and make us true worshipers through Jesus Christ.

By Your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; "Even so" - it is well with my soul.

refrain

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*Scripture

Romans 12:1-2

- ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

"Driven by God's Mercy"

Hymn

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea,

refrain: more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek; give what is best: this all my prayer shall be, **refrain**

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain; sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain, when they can sing with me, refrain

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise, this still its prayer shall be, *refrain*

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

<u>Sermon Notes</u> "Driven by God's Mercy" Romans 12:1-2

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