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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 15, 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.

*And they were filled with great fear and said to one another,
"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

Mark 4:41

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Mark 4:41 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Daniel 2:20-23

[20] Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

[21] He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

[22] he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

[23] To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."

Invocation

Hymn

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

- [1] Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.*
- [2] Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*
- [3] Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*
- [4] For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.*
- [5] He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.*
- [6] By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.*
- [7] He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.*
- [8] Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!*
- [9] For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*
- [10] The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.*
- [11] The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*
- [12] Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!*
- [13] The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;*
- [14] from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,*
- [15] he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.*
- [16] The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.*
- [17] The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.*
- [18] Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,*
- [19] that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.*
- [20] Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.*
- [21] For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*
- [22] Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.*

“Let All the People Sing Praise”
by Lloyd Larson

Choir

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!”
Praise the Lord in His sanctuary! Praise the Lord in the firmament!
Let the earth resound in joyous praise! Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
Praise the Lord in His sanctuary! Praise the Lord in the firmament!
Let the earth resound in joyous praise! Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
Praise the Lord, all you people, let His name be exalted from the dawn to the setting
of the sun. Praise the Lord, all you people, worship the Lord, all you people,
glory to God who sits enthroned on high!
Praise the Lord in His sanctuary! Praise the Lord in the firmament!
Let the earth resound in joyous praise! Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
I have seen You in the sanctuary. I’ve beheld Your glory.
Your love is better than life; Your love is better than life.
With my lips I will praise and glorify You as long as I live,
and I will lift my hands in praise to You!
Praise the Lord in His sanctuary! Praise the Lord in the firmament!
Let the earth resound in joyous praise! Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
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glory to God who sits enthroned on high!
Praise the Lord, all you people, worship the Lord, all you people.
Let all the people sing praise unto the Lord!
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 9:27-28

*[27] And just as it is appointed for man to die once,
and after that comes judgment,*

*[28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those
who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we thank You for Your gracious promise of eternal life through Christ.

We confess that we have stored up treasures on earth, rather than in heaven; we have not fixed our eyes on Your coming kingdom; we have sought to serve other 'gods' alongside You like money, pleasure, security and control.

Please forgive us and cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, renew our hearts to seek You and Your kingdom first. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

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

“Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

refrain: *Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

refrain

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

refrain

[35] *On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."*

[36] *And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.*

[37] *And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.*

[38] *But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"*

[39] *And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

[40] *He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"*

[41] *And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

Sermon

"A Fearful Voyage"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

refrain: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Fearful Voyage”
Mark 4:35-41

I. A Fearful Reality.

II. A Fearful Response.

III. A Fearful Recognition.

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