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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 16, 2022

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 families to build community.

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:6

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Philippians 1:6 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Ava Elaine McCray
Covenant daughter of Jason and Melinda McCray

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

chorus: *Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

chorus

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

*²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow
weary; his understanding is unsearchable.*

*²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases
strength.*

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

*³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Choir

“That Old Rugged Cross”
words by Don Besig & Nancy Price/music by Don Besig
“The Old Rugged Cross” - music by George Bennard

We need You, dear Savior to stay at our side,
to grant us the comfort and love You provide.
We know we're not worthy of all we receive,
but we always will trust and believe.
We try to be faithful, we try to be true,
and often we fail You in things that we do.
But when we're discouraged, alone and afraid,
we remember the price that You paid.
On a hill faraway there's an old rugged cross
where You suffered in sorrow and pain.
In the dark of that day, all the world felt the loss,
and our guilt will forever remain.
But we think of that old rugged cross,
and the way that You died for our sin.
We remember that old rugged cross,
and our hope is restored once again.
We try to be patient, we try to be strong;
we yield to temptation and things that are wrong.
But Lord, You have taught us to love and obey,
and our faith will grow ev'ry day.
For we know of that old rugged cross,
and the way that You died for our sin.
We remember that old rugged cross,
and our hope is restored once again.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

refrain: *I need Thee, O I need Thee, ev'ry hour I need Thee,
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou near by;
temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain.

refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will,
and Thy rich promises in me fulfil.

refrain

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:5-7

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Hymn

“Faith of Our Fathers!”

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:

refrain: *Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for Thee:
refrain

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r shall draw all nations unto Thee;
and through the truth that comes from God His people shall indeed be free:
refrain

Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by witness true and virtuous life:
refrain

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Scripture

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

“Running to Finish”

Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

refrain: *Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song; God’s wondrous praises speak.

refrain

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

refrain

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

refrain

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father’s house, Jerusalem the blest.

refrain

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Running to Finish”
Hebrews 12:1-3

I. The Competitors.

II. The Competition.

III. The Course.

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