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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 17, 2021

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.

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”
Deuteronomy 6:4-6*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Deuteronomy 6:4-6 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

James 4:6-10

*⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says,
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

*⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.*

*⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.*

*⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter
be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.*

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Invocation

Hymn

“King of Saints”

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb, we will laud Thy lovely name;
we were saved by God's decree and all our debt was paid by Thee.
Thou has washed us in Thy blood, made us kings and priests to God;
take this tribute of the poor; less we can't, we can't give more.

refrain: *Souls redeemed, your voices raise, sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.*

Righteous are Thy ways, and true; endless honors are Thy due;
grace and glory in Thee shine; matchless mercy, love divine.
We for whom Thou once was slain, we Thy ransomed sinner train,
in this one request agree: "Spirit make us more like Thee."

refrain

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free,
till we are raised to sing Your name at the great supper of the Lamb.

O that the months would roll away and bring the Coronation Day!
the King of saints shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

refrain

- ¹ *“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,*
- ² *that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.*
- ³ *Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.*
- ⁴ *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*
- ⁵ *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*
- ⁶ *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.*
- ⁷ *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*
- ⁸ *You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*
- ⁹ *You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

- ³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be
born again to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
- ⁴ *to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*
- ⁵ *who by God's power are being guarded through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed; not on the sorrows I have known:
Another's tears; Another's griefs: on these I rest, on these alone.

chorus: *O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me.
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see,
there I see.*

Lord, I believe; O deal with me as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me as one who has Thy gift received.

chorus

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O my Savior, help me.
I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;
I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;
I am pained by my graceless heart,
my prayerless days,
my poverty of love,
my sloth in the heavenly race,
my sullied conscience,
my wasted hours,
my unspent opportunities.

I am blind while the light shines around me:
take the scales from my eyes,
grind to dust my heart of unbelief.

Make it my highest joy to study You,
meditate on You,
gaze on You,
sit like Mary at Your feet,
lean like John on Your breast,
appeal like Peter to Your love,
count like Paul all things but dung.

I believe, help my unbelief. Amen

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

- ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
- ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*
- ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*
- ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

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

Colossians 3:20-21 and Ephesians 6:1-4

*^{3:20} Children, obey your parents in everything,
for this pleases the Lord.*

*²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children,
lest they become discouraged.*

*6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right.*

*2“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first
commandment with a promise),*

*3“that it may go well with you and that you may
live long in the land.”*

*4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to
anger, but bring them up in the discipline
and instruction of the Lord.*

Sermon

Pastor Reed

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
Walking as a New Creation as a Family”*

Hymn

“A Christian Home”

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
where Christ is Head and Counselor and guide;
where every child is taught His love and favor
and gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
how sweet to know that though his footsteps waver,
his faithful Lord, is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
who always place their hope and trust in Him:
whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim:
a home where each finds joy in serving others,
and love still shines, tho’ days be dark and grim.

O Lord, our God, our homes are thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
their bonds of love no enemy can sever,
If Thou art always Lord and Master there;
be Thou the center of our least endeavor-
be Thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
Walking as a New Creation as a Family”*

Colossians 3:20-21 and Ephesians 6:1-4

I. Obedient Children.

II. Disciple-Making Parents.

Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Words by Horatius Bonar (alt. K. Twit)

Music by Kevin Twit

Arranged by Joel Littlepage

Gm F/A B♭ Eb Gm F/A B♭

1.Up-on a Life I have not lived, up-on a

4 Eb B♭ Eb B♭ Eb

Death I did not die, An-oth-er's Life; An-oth-er's Death I stake my whole e-ter-ni-ty.

7 Gm F/A B♭ Eb Gm F/A B♭

2.Not on the tears which I have shed; not on the
3.Lord, I be - lieve; O deal with me as one who

10 Eb B♭ Eb B♭

sor - rows I have known: An-oth - er's tears; An - oth - er's griefs: on these I
has Thy Word be - lieved! I take the gift, Lord, look on me as one who

12 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$

rest, on these a-lone. O Je - sus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has
has Thy gift re - ceived.

15 Gm $E\flat$ F $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$

done for me. There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my par - don

18 Gm $E\flat$ F Gm F/A $B\flat$ $E\flat$

there I see, there I see. 3. Lord, I be -

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