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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
October 19, 2025

**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.

*“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”*

Isaiah 42:6-7

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Isaiah 42:6-7-10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

*[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
[16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him.  
[17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
[18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.  
[19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
[20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Hallelujah, Thine the Glory”*

We praise Thee, O God! for the days of our youth,  
for the bright lamp that shineth— the Word of Thy truth.

**refrain:** *Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
Hallelujah we sing;  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
our praise now we bring.*

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,  
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

**refrain**

We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

**refrain**

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain!

**refrain**

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The Sacrament of Baptism

William Gaston Allen V  
Covenant Son of G and Anna Allen

Hymn

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day  
He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine; now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,  
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

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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 of Confession (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

## Psalm 103:8-12

*[8] The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding  
 in steadfast love.  
 [9] He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
 [10] He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us  
 according to our iniquities.  
 [11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great  
 is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
 [12] as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove  
 our transgressions from us.*

## Hymn

*"Jesus, I Come"*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
 Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
 out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
 Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
 out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
 Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
 upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
 Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
 ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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## Scripture Reading

## Mark 15:1-15

## Sermon

*"Pilate's Legacy"*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me He has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for His own.

**refrain:** *But "I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that He is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto Him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith  
to me He did impart,  
nor how believing in His Word  
wrought peace within my heart.

**refrain**

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing men of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word,  
creating faith in Him.

**refrain**

I know not what of good or ill  
may be reserved for me,  
of weary ways or golden days,  
before His face I see.

**refrain**

I know not when my Lord may come,  
at night or noontide fair,  
nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
or "meet Him in the air."

**refrain**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“Pilate’s Legacy”*  
Mark 15:1-15

I. Pilate’s Priority.

II. Pilate’s Case.

III. Pilate’s Question.

1. What motivated Pilate in this case? What motivated the Sanhedrin?
2. Pilate asked, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” (Mark 15:12).  
What did Pilate do with Christ and how is this a warning?
3. How are we to understand the sovereignty of God in ordaining the crucifixion and Pilate being morally responsible for condemning Christ to death?

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