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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 2, 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.

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 55:6 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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Scripture Reading

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Proverbs 1:20-33

- ²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice:
- ²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
- ²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
- ²³ If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

- ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded,
- ²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,
- ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you,
- ²⁷ when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
- ²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
- ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
- 30 would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof,
- ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.
- 32 For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;
- 33 but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Lord, I Worship You" words by Joseph M. Martin/music by Joseph M. Martin and Brad Nix

Choir

Lord, when I think upon the wonders of Your hand, the mysteries of the sacred night, the stars that dazzle and amaze, the silent music of their praise, surrounding me in symphonies of light: O Lord, I worship Your. Lord, I worship You. Great and mighty are your ways. O Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. To You, alone, I lift my praise. Lord, when I think upon the blessings of my life, all perfect gifts come from above. The gifts of home and family, the friends who are so dear to me, reflect the nature of Your heart of love. O Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. Great and mighty are Your ways. O Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. To You alone, I lift my praise. Lord, when I think upon Your gift of grace, Your acts of love, so rich and free, Your healing heart, Your sure embrace, in Your eyes, I glimpse eternity. In Your eyes, I glimpse eternity. O Lord, I worship You, Lord, I worship You. Great and mighty are Your ways. O Lord, I worship You. Lord, I worship You. To You, alone, I lift my praise. To You alone, I lift my praise. Lord, I worship You. To You alone, I lift my praise, I lift my praise!

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

- 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
- ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
- ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hymn

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Scripture

John 1:35-42

- 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
- ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
- 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

- ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"
- ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
- 4º One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
- 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Sermon Pastor Coyle

"Following Jesus"

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Hymn (sheet music pg. 8)

"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Lord we adore Thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown, of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in Thy beloved Son.

chorus: Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor, the Savior's bounty taste, behold a never failing store for ev'ry willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of ev'ry good; Jesus, in Thee what glories shine! How rich Thy flowing blood! **chorus**

Here shall your num'rous wants receive a free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die.

chorus

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

1 John 2:1-2

- ¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All - here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid - here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home - here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline "Following Jesus" John 1:35-42

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



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