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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 22, 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.

*“Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.”*
Psalm 66:16

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 66:16 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

John 3:16-17

*[16] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*[17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Invocation

Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
Hear Him ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 66

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

[1] Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

[2] sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

*[3] Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your
enemies come cringing to you.*

[4] All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”

[5] Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

[6] He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,

[7] who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

[8] Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

[9] who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

[10] For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

[11] You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

[12] you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

[13] I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

[14] that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

[15] I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

[16] Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

[17] I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

[18] If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

[19] But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

[20] Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

*[13] By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.*

*[14] And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent
his Son to be the Savior of the world.*

*[15] Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God.*

Hymn

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You.

By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts.

Help us to see You as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully.

As we have received Him, so strengthen us to walk in Him, depend on Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to Him.

Give us an experience of Your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of Your saving mercy. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-5

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

[5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

refrain: *This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I
in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

refrain

[1] *They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.*

[2] *And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.*

[3] *He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain,*

[4] *for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.*

[5] *Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

[6] *And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.*

[7] *And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."*

[8] *For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"*

[9] *And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."*

[10] *And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.*

[11] *Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,*

[12] *and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them."*

[13] *So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.*

[14] *The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.*

[15] *And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.*

[16] *And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.*

[17] *And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.*

[18] *As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.*

[19] *And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."*

[20] *And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.*

Hymn

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

refrain: *Redeemed, redeemed,
redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed, thro’ His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
with me doth continually dwell.

refrain

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long:
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Go, Tell Them”
Mark 5:1-20

I. The Great Misery of Sinners.

II. The Great Mercy of Jesus.

III. The Great Mission of the Redeemed.

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