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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 4, 2020

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.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Isaiah 52:7

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 52:7 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship Isaiah 26:3, 4

³ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

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 "O Great God" (sheet music pg. 8)

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

music and words by Bob Kauflin/ 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI)/CCLI 209271

Scripture

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

¹ Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.

² Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

- ³ For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money."
- ⁴ For thus says the Lord God: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing.
- ⁵ Now therefore what have I here," declares the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and continually all the day my name is despised.
- ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am."
- ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
- ⁸ The voice of your watchmen they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.
- ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
- ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- ¹¹Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.
- ¹² For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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

"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.

words by William Sleeper/music by Greg Thompson/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

O merciful God, full of compassion and of great pity, who spares us from the fullness of suffering when we deserve punishment.

Make us earnestly to repent. Make the remembrance of our sin so burdensome that we may flee to You with a troubled spirit and contrite heart.

O merciful Lord, visit, comfort, and relieve us that we might live toward Your glory and for grace toward others.

Cast us not from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us, but excite in us true repentance that receives the righteousness of Jesus. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
- ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Hymn

"All Must Be Well"

(sheet music pgs. 9 & 10)

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well.

Free and changeless in His favor, All is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation: All is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well. Faith can sing through days of sorrow; All is well. On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying, Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:2-9

- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"The Promoters of Peace"

Pastor Reed

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; "Even so" - it is well with my soul.

Refrain

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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

"Like a River Glorious"

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase; perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day, perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand; not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.

Refrain

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love. We may trust him fully all for us to do; they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

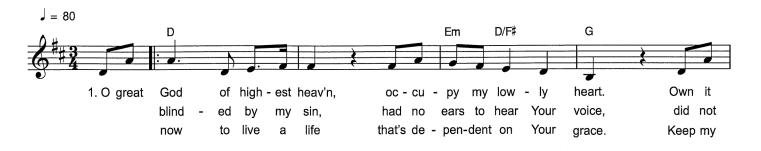
Postlude

Sermon Outline "The Promoters of Peace" Matthew 5:2-9

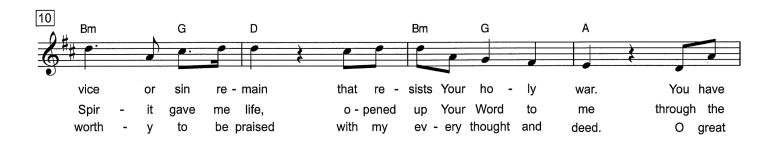
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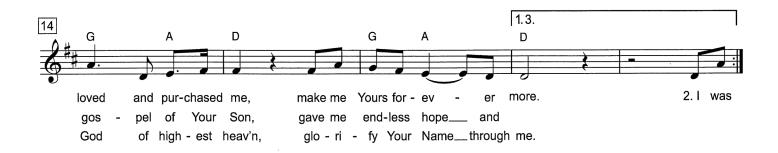
II. The Person of Peace.		
III. The Reconciliation of Peace.		

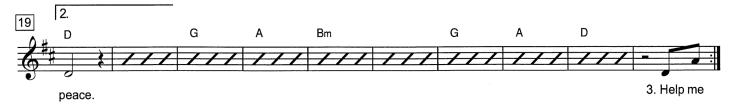
"O Great God"











Music and Words by Bob Kauflin Based on *The Valley of Vision* prayer, "Regeneration"

All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters alt. by Matthew S. Smith Music by Matthew S. Smith

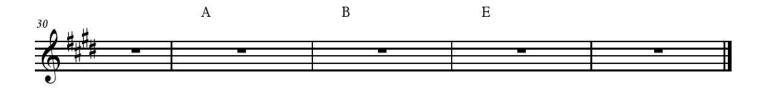


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