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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
October 5, 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.

*“Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart.  
For consider what great things he has done for you.”*

1 Samuel 12:24

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1 Samuel 12:24 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 13

*[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.*

*[13] It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you  
shall serve and by his name you shall swear.*

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

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 3:11-26

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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*“How Can I Keep from Singing?”*

Choir

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the Rock I cling.  
How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough, how  
amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.  
I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with you, knowing you'll see me through,  
and sing the songs You give.  
I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step, and I fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause you're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer,  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels  
and the saints around the throne.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Titus 3:2-7

- [3] For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,  
passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
- [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

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by Your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**chorus:** *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

**chorus**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

**chorus**

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,  
Whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,  
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;  
we have not loved You with all our heart and soul,  
we have not loved You with all our mind and strength;  
we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done  
and for the good we have left undone,  
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.  
But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.  
With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness.  
In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;  
so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the  
riches of his grace, [8] which he lavished upon us,  
in all wisdom and insight.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**chorus:** *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

**chorus**

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

**chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

**chorus**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“A Prophet’s Farewell”*  
1 Samuel 12

I. Samuel on Trial (v.1-5)

II. Israel on Trial (v.6-18)

III. Samuel’s Final Teaching (v.19-25)

1. How does Samuel's faithfulness to his service encourage faithfulness to our own?
2. As you examine your life, where might you be lacking in obedience and the fear of the Lord?
3. How does the promise of God to never forsake His people provide comfort and strength in our struggle with sin and the call to faithfulness?

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