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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
For by it the people of old received their commendation.”*

Hebrews 11:1, 2

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Hebrews 11:1, 2 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14, 17

*¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice
and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

*¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will
save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet
you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Invocation

Hymn

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape You will make us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
to You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
to You, our great Redeemer, for ever be praise.

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:15-31

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

*¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of
Israel to go forward.*

*¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide
it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.*

- 17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.*
- 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”*
- 19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,*
- 20 coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night^[a] without one coming near the other all night.*
- 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.*
- 22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.*
- 23 The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.*
- 24 And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic,*
- 25 clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”*
- 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.”*
- 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw^[a] the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.*
- 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.*
- 29 But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.*
- 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.*
- 31 Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.*

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Climin’ Up the Mountain”
arr. by Tom Fettke

Choir

Climin' up the mountain, children;
Climin' up the mountain, children;
Climin' up the mountain, children;
didn't come here for to stay.
Oh, brother if I nevermore see you again,
I'm gonna meet you at the judgement day.
Moses went down into Egypt land, He told ole Pharaoh,
that the good Lord sittin' on this heavenly throne,
said, "Let my people go," Good Lord, Let my people go.
Daniel in the den of lions, He did begin to pray,
and the angel of the Lord locked the lions' jaws,
that sho' was a mighty day, Good Lord, sho' was a mighty day.
Children in the fiery furnace, they did begin to pray
and the Angel of the Lord put the fire out.
That sho' was a mighty day, Good Lord, sho' was a mighty day.
Climin' up the mountain, children;
Oh, Lord, I didn't come here for to stay.
Oh, brother, If I nevermore see you again,
I'm gonna meet you at the judgement,
meet you at the judgement,
meet you at the judgement day.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Tom Fox, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

We know that all things work together for good for those
who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

“The Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought,
every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life; ‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

final chorus: *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ,
sin is my malady, my monster, my foe,
my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life,
strong in my character, dominating my faculties,
following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought,
my chain that holds me captive.
Yet Your compassions yearn over me,
Your heart hastens to my rescue,
Your love endured my curse,
Your mercy bore my justice.
Let me walk in humility,
bathed in Your blood,
tender of conscience,
living in triumph as an heir of salvation
through Your blessed name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

***refrain:** Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.

refrain

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

refrain

But we never can prove the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows,
and the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.

refrain

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Scripture

Hebrews 11:23-40

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

- ³⁰ *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.*
- ³¹ *By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.*
- ³² *And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—*
- ³³ *who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of the lions,*
- ³⁴ *quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.*
- ³⁵ *Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.*
- ³⁶ *Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.*
- ³⁷ *They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—*
- ³⁸ *of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*
- ³⁹ *And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,*
- ⁴⁰ *since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

Sermon

Pastor Reed

“By Faith”
Part 3

Hymn

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

refrain: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“By Faith”
Hebrews 11:23-40

I. The Faith of Moses.

II. The Faith of the Exile and Conquest Generations.

III. The Faith of Others.

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