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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 1, 2024

**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.

*“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”*

Matthew 5:13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Matthew 5:13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-3

*[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

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

*“Holy, Holy, Holy!”*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 66:15-24

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 6:1-4

**Pastor: [1] What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?**

All: [2] By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?  
[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?  
[4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Hymn

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean, it its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to  
shore;  
how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more;  
how He watches o’er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:  
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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Scripture

Mark 9:43-50

Sermon

*“What the World Needs Now...”*

Pastor Reed

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Hymn

*“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go“*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to Thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

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Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember,  
and the sins I have forgotten.  
Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation,  
and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.  
Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements  
and those when I have failed to boast in Your works.  
Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others,  
and the leniency I have shown myself.  
Forgive the lies I have told to others,  
and the truths I have avoided.  
Forgive me the pain I have caused others  
and the indulgence I have shown myself.  
Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:  
through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“What the World Needs Now...”*  
Mark 9:43-50

I. The Struggle of Discipleship.

II. The Sacrifice of Discipleship.

III. The Saltiness of Discipleship.

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