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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 10, 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.

*"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."
Revelation 11:7*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Revelation 11:7 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Ministry Report

Bruce Hurlbut

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:32-35

*[32] O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, [33] to him
who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his
mighty voice. [34] Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose
power is in the skies.*

***[35] Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the
one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!***

Invocation

Hymn

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
unto Him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

[18] *Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes,*
 [19] *who say: "Let him be quick, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it!"*
 [20] *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*
 [21] *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!*
 [22] *Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink,*
 [23] *who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right!*
 [24] *Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*
 [25] *Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and struck them, and the mountains quaked; and their corpses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.*

Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Prayer of Consecration"
 by Deborah Dresie

Choir

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody
 so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to You.
 Come to me and still my fear until my song is Yours alone.
 Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice Your own,
 Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace
 so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of You.
 Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are Yours alone.
 Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind Your own.
 Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony
 so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor You.
 Come to me and still my will until my deeds are Yours alone.
 Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart Your own.
 Make my heart Your own.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 102

What do we pray for in the second petition?

In the second petition, which is *Thy Kingdom come*, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave,
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

[13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

[14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Immovable our hope remains though shifting sands before us lie.
 The One who washed away our stains shall bear us safely to the skies.
 The floods may rise, the winds may beat, torrential rains descend,
 yet God His own will not forget; He'll love and keep us till the end;
 You'll love and keep us till the end.

This is eternal life: to know the living God and Christ, the Son.
 The Savior will not let us go until His saving work is done.
 Our debt was great, as was our need, but now the price is paid.
 Who can behold Immanuel bleed and doubt His willingness to save?
 We trust Your willingness to save.

The Lord acquits, who can condemn? Though Satan's accusations fly
 his pow'r can never reach our names to blot them from the Book of Life.
 The Son has surely made us free His Word forever stands;
 and all our joy is knowing we are graven on His wounded hands;
 we're graven on Your wounded hands.

Built into Christ, secure we stand, for with His Spirit we've been sealed.
 By grace we'll see the promised land where every sorrow shall be healed.
 To God who gave His only Son, to Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 to God the Spirit, Three-in-one, be songs of praise forevermore;
 we'll sing Your praise forevermore.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 3:20-30

Pastor Reed

[20] Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

[21] And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

[22] And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons."

[23] And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

[24] If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

[25] And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

[26] And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

[27] But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

[28] "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,

[29] but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—

[30] for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Sermon

“The Unforgivable Sin”

Pastor Reed

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
“The Unforgivable Sin”
Mark 3:20-30

I. Jesus Attacked.

II. Jesus Answered.

III. Jesus Admonished.

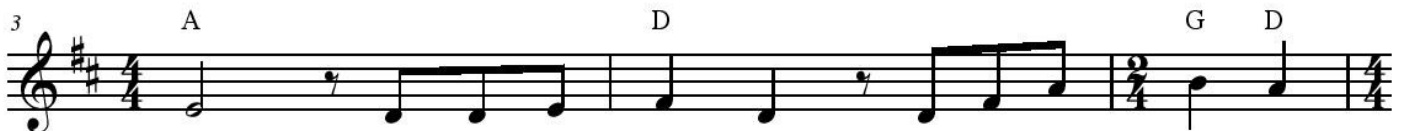
Abide With Me

CD Key

Words by Henry Lyte
alt. by Justin Smith
Music by Justin Smith



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven -
2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth didst
3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing



3 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, and per - verse mean -
hour; What but Thy grace, can foil the tempt - er's
bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their bit - ter -
eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the



6 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
power? Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can
ness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy vic - to -
skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows



9 flee, Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, On to the close Lord, a - bide with me.
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.
flee; In life, in death, Lord, a - bide with me.

IMMOVABLE OUR HOPE REMAINS

Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)
Alt. words by Bob and Brittany Kauffin

Bob Kauffin and Brittany Kauffin

♩ = 72 G D/F# G D C G Em G/B D G

1. Im - mov - a - ble our hope re - mains though shift - ing sands be - fore us lie. The
2. This is e - ter - nal life: to know the liv - ing God and Christ, the Son. The
3. The Lord ac - quits, who can con - demn? Though Sa - tan's ac - cu - sa - tions fly, his
4. Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand, for with His Spi - rit we've been sealed. By

G D/F# G D C G Em G/B D G

One who washed a - way our stains shall bear us safe - ly to the skies. The
Sa - vior will not let us go un - til His sa - ving work is done. Our
pow'r can nev - er reach our names to blot them from the Book of Life. The
grace we'll see the prom - ised land where ev - ery sor - row shall be healed. To

D G Am Em Em G C G D G Am Em

floods may rise, the winds may beat, tor - ren - tial rains de - scend, yet God His own will not for - get; He'll
debt was great, as was our need, but now the price is paid. Who can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed and
Son has sure - ly made us free, His Word for - ev - er stands; and all our joy is know - ing we are
God who gave His on - ly Son, to Je - sus Christ, our Lord, to God the Spi - rit, Three - in - one, be

C Am7 Bm C Em7 D G

love and keep us till the end; You'll love and keep us till the end.
doubt His will - ing - ness to save? We trust Your wil - ling - ness to save.
gra - ven on His wound - ed hands; we're gra - ven on Your wound - ed hands.
songs of praise for - ev - er - more; we'll sing Your praise for - ev - er - more.

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