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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 11, 2022

**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.

*“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”*  
Hebrews 10:31

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Hebrews 10:31 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

*3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;  
ascribe greatness to our God!*

*4 “The Rock, his work is perfect,  
for all his ways are justice.  
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he.”*

Invocation

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!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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- 1:12 Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.*
- 13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?*
- 14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.*
- 15 He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad.*
- 16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.*
- 17 Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?*
- 2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.*
- 2 And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.*
- 3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.*
- 4 "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith*
- 5 "Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples."*

## Congregational Prayer

Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder

## Corporate Profession of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-5

- 3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you,
- 5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation  
ready to be revealed in the last time.

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Shine on Us”*  
arranged/orchestrated by Robert Sterling

Choir

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.  
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us  
that we may be saved, that we may have life,  
to find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your light shine on us.  
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.  
Lord let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us,  
that we may be saved, that we may have life  
to find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your grace fall on us.  
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord let Your love, love with no end come over us  
that we may be saved, that we may have life  
to find our way in the darkest night.  
Let Your love come over us, let Your light shine on us.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Hymn

(sheet music pgs. 9 & 10)

*“Upon a Life I Have Not Lived”*

Upon a Life I have not lived,  
upon a death I did not die,  
Another’s life; Another’s death  
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed;  
not on the sorrows I have known:  
Another’s tears; Another’s griefs:  
on these I rest, on these alone.

**chorus:** *O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me.  
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see,  
there I see.*

Lord, I believe; O deal with me  
as one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me  
as one who has Thy gift received.

**chorus**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.  
We have tried to heal ourselves.  
Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,  
we have tried to work off our guilt.  
We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.  
When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.  
Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we have tried to change through our own efforts.  
We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.  
This has left some of us arrogant.  
This has left most of us anxious and depressed.  
Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.  
Forgive us for neglecting Your grace.  
Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22

*<sup>21</sup> Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.*

*<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

### Hymn

*“Behold Our God”*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

**chorus:** *Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

**chorus**

- 26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,*
- 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.*
- 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.*
- 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?*
- 30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again “The Lord will judge his people.”*
- 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
- 32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,*
- 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.*
- 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.*
- 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.*
- 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*
- 37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;*
- 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”*
- 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

*“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”*

The sands of time are sinking the dawn of heaven breaks,  
the summer morn I’ve sighed for the fair, sweet morn awakes  
dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen  
it were a well-spent journey though sev’n deaths lay between  
the Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain the deep sweet well of love  
the streams on earth I’ve tasted more deep I’ll drink above  
there to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom’s face  
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace  
not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand  
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel’s land.

Oh! I am by beloved’s and my beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit I know no other stand.  
not e’en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“Shrinking Back or Persevering in Faith”*  
Hebrews 10:26-39

I. The Reality of Judgment and Hell.

II. The Warning of Apostasy.

III. The Exhortation to Persevere.



# Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Words by Horatius Bonar (alt. K. Twit)

Music by Kevin Twit

Arranged by Joel Littlepage

Gm F/A B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm F/A B $\flat$

1. Up-on a Life I have not lived, up-on a

E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Death I did not die, An-oth-er's Life; An-oth-er's Death I stake my whole e-ter-ni-ty.

7 Gm F/A B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm F/A B $\flat$

2. Not on the tears which I have shed; not on the  
3. Lord, I be - lieve; O deal with me as one who

10 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

sor - rows I have known: An - oth - er's tears; An - oth - er's griefs: on these I  
has Thy Word be - lieved! I take the gift, Lord, look on me as one who

12  $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$

rest, on these a-lone. O Je - sus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has  
has Thy gift re-ceived.

15  $Gm$   $E\flat$   $F$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$

done for me. There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my par - don

18  $Gm$   $E\flat$   $F$   $Gm$   $F/A$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$

there I see, there I see. 3. Lord, I be -

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# THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

Words by Anne Cousin  
Based on Samuel Rutherford's Letters  
Traditional Folk Tune  
Arranged by Philip Palmertree

Chords: G C G C G C G C G C

1. The sands of time are sink - ing The  
2. The king in there His beaut - y With -  
3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain The

9 G C  
dawn out of a hea - ven is breaks, The  
deep deep a sweet veil well of seen love It  
The

13 C C/B C/A G C  
sum - mer morn I've sighed for The  
were a on well earth - spent jour - ney Thought  
streams on earth I've tast - ed More

17 G C  
fair, sev'n sweet death morn a-wakes Dark,  
deep deep I'll lay drink between The  
There

21 D C  
dark had been the mid - night But  
Lamb with an His o - fair ar - night Doth  
to an o - cean full - ness His

25 D C  
day - spring is at hand And  
on Mount Zi - on stand And  
mer - cy doth ex - pand And

29 D C D G C  
glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land  
glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land  
glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Emman - uel's land

4. The bride eyes not her garment  
But her dear bride-groom's face  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land

5. Oh! I am my beloved's  
And my beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit  
I know no other stand  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land

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