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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 12, 2021

*Covenant's Mission Statement*  
Covenant seeks to glorify God by  
*Establishing* Disciples biblically,  
*Engaging* Culture redemptively,  
*Expanding* Christ's Church faithfully.

*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.

*"...and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul."*

Deuteronomy 30:2

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Deuteronomy 30:2 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:48

*Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!*

Invocation

Hymn

*"This Is My Father's World"*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-13

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

<sup>1</sup> *And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.*

<sup>2</sup> *And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.*

<sup>3</sup> *And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.*

*4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."*

*5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

*6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.*

*7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."*

*8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

*9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."*

*10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"*

*11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things.*

*12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."*

*13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.*

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.  
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

*“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Your pow’r to save,  
when this poor lispng, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
when this poor lispng, stamm’ring tongue  
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved, to sin no more.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.

Through Him we would now come near to You, listening to Your voice, trusting in Your love, delighting in Your word, and leaning on Your arm.

We joyfully beg to see Your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit and Your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

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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## Scripture

## Malachi 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup> *"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.*

<sup>2</sup> *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

<sup>3</sup> *And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.*

<sup>4</sup> *"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.*

<sup>5</sup> *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.*

<sup>6</sup> *And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."*

*“A Fitting Conclusion”*

\*Hymn

*“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”*

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
“*A Fitting Conclusion*”  
Malachi 4:1-6

I. Honor the Law (v.4).

II. Hold to the Promise (v.5-6).





Vocal/Rhythm

40 F#m E/G# A/C# D D E A

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.

45 **Ch.1** S.A.T. + Synth (Warm Pad) sust. D E F#m F#m E/G# A A Bm7 A/C#

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sa - vior loves me

50 **L.1** As Intro 2 D D E Ama7 A/C# Dadd9 Ama7 A/C#

so, He will hold me fast.

55 **V.2** Dadd9 A A/C# D D E A

2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

60 **64** A A/C# D D E A F#m E/G# A/C#

Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be

65 D D C# F#m F#m E/G# A/C# D D E

lost; His Prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me

71 **Build to Ch.2** **+ Cymbal Roll** **Ch.2** **+ Gospel Choir: Oohs (or S.A.T.)** A D E F#m F#m E/G#

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me

76 **Choir: lyrics (unis.)** **Choir OUT** A A Bm7 A/C# D D E

fast; For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me

He Will Hold Me Fast (When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)  
(Key of A)

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