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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 13, 2020

*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.

*“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...  
For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”*  
Psalm 63:1; 107:9

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship by  
reflecting on Psalm 63:1; 107:9 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:17

*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

*“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

(sheet music pg. 8)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light.  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful most bright.  
On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing Holy, Holy, Holy, to the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;  
on Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on Thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n  
and thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;  
a garden intersected, with streams of Paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;  
from Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

Today on weary nations, the heav'nly manna falls:  
to holy convocations, the silver trumpet calls,  
where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing, with soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.  
to Holy Ghost be praises, to Father and to Son;  
the church her voice upraises, to Thee, blest Three in One.

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
 May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
 We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
 The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your Kingdom come."

**chorus:** Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
 so that everyone might know Your Name.  
 Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
 till Your sovereign work on earth is done. Let Your Kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
 Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
 Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
 By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

**chorus**

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## Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:1-3; 18-20; 97-104; 129-131; 161-168

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

*<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!*

*<sup>2</sup> Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,*

*<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!*

*<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

*<sup>19</sup> I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!*

*<sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed with longing for your rules<sup>[a]</sup> at all times.*

*<sup>97</sup> Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

*<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.*

*<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.*

*<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged,<sup>[a]</sup> for I keep your precepts.*

*<sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.*

*<sup>102</sup> I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.*

*<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*<sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.*

*<sup>129</sup> Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.*

*<sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

*<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.*

*<sup>161</sup> Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words.*

*<sup>162</sup> I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.*

*<sup>163</sup> I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.*

- 164 Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.*  
*165 Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*  
*166 I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments.*  
*167 My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly.*  
*168 I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you.*

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

Hymn

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

My faith looks up to Thee,  
 Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
 now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
 O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart  
 strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
 as Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,  
 pure warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
 and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;  
 bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
 nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
 when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
 blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
 O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature - prone to evil and slothful in good - and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.

Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.

And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

*I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you  
forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

### Hymn

#### *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;  
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide,  
and run not before Him, whatever betide;  
in joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;  
each thought and each motive beneath His control;  
thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

- <sup>3</sup> *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
<sup>4</sup> *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
<sup>5</sup> *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*  
<sup>6</sup> *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.*

Sermon

*“The Voracious Appetite of a Disciple”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n to earth come down:  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that second rest:  
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The Voracious Appetite of a Disciple"*  
Matthew 5:6

I. An Appetite for the Wrong Thing, Happiness.

II. An Appetite for the Right Thing, Righteousness.

III. An Appetite for Christ.

# O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

Words by Christopher Wordsworth

Music by Christopher Miner

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord markings (E, B, A, Bm) are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, with line numbers 5, 9, 13, and 16 marking the beginning of each system. The final system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. O day of rest and glad - ness, O  
 2. On thee, at the cre - a - tion The  
 3. Thou art a port pro - tect - ed From

5 day of joy and light O balm of care and sad - ness, Most  
 light first had its birth; On thee, for our sal - va - tion, Christ  
 storms that round us rise; A gar - den in - ter - sect - ed With

9 beau - ti - ful, most bright; On thee the high and low - ly, Through  
 rose from depths of earth; On thee our Lord, vic - tor - ious The  
 streams of Par - a - dise; Thou art a cool - ing foun - tain In

13 a - ges joined in tune, Sing Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
 Spir - it sent from heav'n sand; And thus - ly, on thee, most  
 life's dry, drear - y From thee, like Pis - gah's

16 Ho - ly, To the great God Tri - une  
 glor - i - ous, A the tri - ple light was  
 moun - tain, We view our prom - ised giv'n  
 land.

4. Today on weary nations,  
 The heav'nly manna falls:  
 To holy convocations,  
 The silver trumpet calls,  
 Where gospel light is glowing  
 With pure and radiant beams  
 And living water flowing,  
 With soul refreshing streams.

5. New graces ever gaining,  
 From this our day of rest,  
 We reach the rest remaining,  
 To spirits of the blest.  
 To Holy Ghost be praises,  
 To Father, and to Son;  
 The church her voice upraises,  
 To thee, blest Three in One.



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