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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

*“Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.
Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.”
Nehemiah 9:5b*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Nehemiah 9:5b printed above.**

Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5, 8

*[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
[2] Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
[3] Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
[4] Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
[5] Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.”
[8] He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of His choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from His own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heav'n our thought!

God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name
henceforth forevermore.

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Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:3-14

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

(congregation]

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
The sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

[end congregation]

How great Thou art!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bryant Young, Deacon

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.

Hymn

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Saviour art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, Give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach.
Help us to flee it. We have no Master but You, no law but Your will, no delight but Yourself,
no wealth but what You give, no good but what You bless, no peace but what You bestow.
We are nothing but what You make of us, we have nothing but what we receive from You.
We can be nothing but that grace adorns us. Quarry us deep, dear Lord, and then fill us to
overflowing with living water. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

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

Hymn

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 9:1-15

Sermon

“A People of Prayer”
Part 1

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A People of Prayer” Part 1
Nehemiah 9:1-15

I. Confessing Sin.

II. Professing God.

- 1) Why did the people “separated themselves from all foreigners” (9:2)?
- 2) What characterized their confession (9:2) and how might this instruct us?
- 3) How does the Word of God operate in verse 3 and what lesson do we learn about the importance of Scripture?
- 4) In verses 6-15, what do we learn about God and why is this important to repentance?

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