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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 18, 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.

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*

Ephesians 2:8, 9

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Ephesians 2:8, 9 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-26

*<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;*

*<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”*

*<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*

*<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for, I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Genesis 15:1-6

*<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”*

*<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”*

*<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”*

*<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son<sup>[b]</sup> shall be your heir.”*

*<sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”*

*<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Ken Knecht, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

<sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee:  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

**refrain:** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**refrain**

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Corporate Confession of sin

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart,  
soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves,  
but we are not sufficient for these things.

We confess that our affections continually turn away from You:  
from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to  
indifference, from fullness to emptiness.

Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word,  
and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts.  
Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus,  
that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

*<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people  
for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you  
had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

*“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, help from Thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

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## Scripture

## Hebrews 11:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*
- <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation.*
- <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*
- <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*
- <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.*
- <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*
- <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

<sup>8</sup> *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

<sup>9</sup> *By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.*

<sup>10</sup> *For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

<sup>11</sup> *By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.*

Sermon

Pastor Reed

*“By Faith”*  
Part 1

Hymn

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
**women:** the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
**men:** the shadow, in a weary land  
**women:** a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
**men:** a home of rest, upon the way  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
women: the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:  
men: the One who suffered there for me.  
women: and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
men: and from my heart, I confess  
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, the shadow for my abiding place:  
**women:** I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
**men:** I ask no other, than His face  
**women:** content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
**men:** content to know, no gain nor loss  
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“By Faith”*  
Part 1  
Hebrews 11:1-12

I. Definition of Faith.

II. Dynamics of Faith.

III. Descriptions of Faith.

# JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Words by Charles Wesley  
Music by Greg Thompson

Real Key

1. Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than;  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to

3 to thy bo - som fly,  
help - less, hang on thee; find;  
all in thee I find;  
cov - er all my sin;

5 While the nea - rer wa - ters roll, while the  
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup -  
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and

7 tem - pest still is high:  
port sick and com - fort me!  
keep and me lead the blind.  
pure the with in:

9 hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
All my trust on thee is thy stayed,  
Just and of ho - ly the foun - thy name,  
thou of life the - tain art,

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11 F E $\flat$

'till help the storm is past  
 I from thee I bring;  
 let me take un - righ - teous - ness;  
 of thee;

13 F E $\flat$  B $\flat$

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, re -  
 cov - er my de - fense - less head the  
 false and full of sin - I am, thou  
 spring thou up with - in my heart, to

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

cieve my soul at last  
 shad - ow of thy wing.  
 full of truth and grace.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

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