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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 21, 2025

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.

“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”

Isaiah 53:11

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Isaiah 53:11 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:1-2, 7-8

[1] For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. [2] He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. [7] On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. [8] Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Invocation

Hymn

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh when the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home;
And day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r: raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Prayer and Alleluia"

Choir

Create in me a clean heart,
renew my spirit as from the start.
And keep me close, right by Your side,
take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Alleluia, Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way that without the will
of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
we thank You for Your gracious promise of eternal life through Christ.
We confess that we have stored up treasures on earth,
rather than in heaven;
we have not fixed our eyes on Your coming kingdom;
we have sought to serve other 'gods' alongside You like money,
pleasure, security and control.
Please forgive us and cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ.
By Your Spirit, renew our hearts to seek You and Your kingdom first.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20

*[20] I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who
lives in me. And the life I now live in the
flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

refrain: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Mark 14:43-52

Sermon

"Let the Scriptures Be Fulfilled"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: *Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

refrain

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

refrain

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.

refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Let the Scriptures Be Fulfilled”
Mark 14:43-52

I. Judas’ Contemptible Signs.

II. The Disciples Predicted Desertion.

III. Jesus’ Unshakable Resolve.

1. The Bible teaches the doctrine of perseverance of the saints (once saved always saved).
How might a Christian who is secure in salvation flee from Christ? What is the remedy?
2. How does Christ being the rock of our salvation encourage you?
3. How does the saying of Jesus, “let the Scriptures be fulfilled” (v. 49) apply to you?

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