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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 22, 2024

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.

*Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
John 3:3*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on John 3:3 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-5

*[1] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
[2] The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
[3] He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
[4] He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
[5] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

Invocation

Hymn

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Beautiful Savior”

Choir

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Titus 3:4-7

*[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
[5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
[6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
[7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

Hymn

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Awesome and compassionate God,
You have loved us with unfailing,
self-giving mercy, but we have not loved You.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away
from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as You come to us in mercy, we repent,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive Your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace,
[8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

Hymn

“O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher than I”

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I, my soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly.
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be; Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

chorus: *Hiding in Thee, Hiding in Thee
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.*

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour, in times when temptation casts o'er me its power,
in the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea, Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

chorus

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe, I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe.
How often when trials like sea billows roll have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul.

chorus

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Scripture

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

“A Tragic Response and A Comforting Answer”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Tragic Response and A Comforting Answer”
Mark 10:17-31

I. The Rich Young Man’s Question.

II. The Disciple’s Question.

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