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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 families to build community.

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*  
Hebrews 11:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Hebrews 11:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-5

*<sup>3</sup> 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,*

*<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you,*

*<sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a  
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“O Father, You Are Sovereign”*

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;  
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean’s shore,  
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest’s roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
no pow’rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign the Lord of human pain,  
transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav’nly gain.  
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu’ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose - our souls’ eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,  
but soon before Your triumph earth’s every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

*11:27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.*

*28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.*

*29 And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.*

*30 Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.*

*31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.*

*32 The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.*

*12:1 Now the LORD said<sup>[a]</sup> to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.*

*2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.*

*3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

*4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.*

*5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,*

*6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.*

*7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.*

*8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.*

*9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.*

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Saints Bound for Heaven”*  
*arr. by Howard Helvey*

Choir

From Egypt’s yoke set free; hail the glorious jubilee.  
And to Canaan we’ll return, by and by, by and by,  
and to Canaan we’ll return, by and by.  
Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by,  
our bondage it shall end, by and by.  
From Egypt’s yoke set free; hail the glorious jubilee,  
and to Canaan we’ll return, by and by, by and by,  
and to Canaan we’ll return, by and by.  
From Egypt’s yoke set free; hail the glorious jubilee,  
and to Canaan we’ll return, by and by, by and by,  
and to Canaan we’ll return, by and by.  
Our Deliverer will come, by and by, by and by,  
our Deliverer will come, by and by.  
And our sorrows have an end, with our three-score years and ten,  
and His glory crown the day, by and by, by and by,  
and His glory crown the day, by and by.  
Though our enemies are strong, we’ll go on, we’ll go on,  
though our enemies are strong, we’ll go on.  
Though our hearts dissolve with fear, Lo! Sinai’s God is near,  
while the fiery pillar moves, we’ll go on, we’ll go on,  
while the fiery pillar moves we’ll go on, we’ll go on,  
And when to Jordan’s flood, we are come, we are come,  
and when to Jordan’s flood, we are come,  
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters He’ll divide  
and the ransomed host shall shout, “We are come, we are come.”  
And the ransomed host shall shout, “We are come.”  
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters He’ll divide,  
and the ransomed host shall shout, “We are come, we are come.”  
And the ransomed host shall shout, “We are come.”  
By and by, we’ll go on!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 86

*What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Hymn

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
this is my earnest plea,

***refrain:*** *more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
more love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now Thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
this all my prayer shall be,  
***refrain***

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;  
sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me,  
***refrain***

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,  
this still its prayer shall be,  
***refrain***

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You. By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see You as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully. As we have received Him, so strengthen us to walk in Him, depend on Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to Him. Give us an experience of Your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of Your saving mercy. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*

<sup>12</sup> *training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*

<sup>13</sup> *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

<sup>14</sup> *who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

*“By Faith”*

By faith we see the hand of God  
 in the light of creation's grand design,  
 in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
 who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
 with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,  
 of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
 a place where peace and justice reign.

**chorus:** *We will stand as children of the promise;  
 we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
 when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
 in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
 to deliver captives and to preach good news  
 in ev'ry corner of the earth.

**chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
 and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,  
 for we know in Christ all things are possible  
 for all who call upon His name.

**chorus:** *We will stand as children of the promise;  
 we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*Oh, we will stand as children of the promise;  
 we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.  
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight,  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*words and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty  
 and Stuart Townend*

*<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.*

*<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.*

*<sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.*

*<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.*

*<sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

*<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,*

*<sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."*

*<sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

*<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.*

*<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.*

*<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.*

*“For All the Saints”*

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
to Thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor’s crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
And sings to Father, to Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude



Sermon Outline  
*“By Faith”*  
Part 2  
Hebrews 11:8-22

I. The Object of Faith.

II. The Persistence of Faith.

III. The Invincibility of Faith.

# By Faith

Words and Music by  
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and Stuart Townend

Steadily (♩ = 76)

A D/A A Ama<sup>7</sup> D/A A F#m<sup>7</sup>

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de -  
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their  
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -  
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the  
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

Esus A/C# D F#m E/G# A F#m E D E F#m<sup>7</sup>

sign, in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

Dadd<sup>9</sup> E A D/A A Refrain E/G# F#m D

who walk by faith and not by sight. } We will stand as chil - dren of the  
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. }  
 and rise tri - un - phant from the grave. }  
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. }  
 for all who call up - on His name. }

A A/C# F#m D A E A E/G# F#m D

prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the

A C#m D Bm7 Dadd9 E A D/A A Ama7 D/A A

D.C. last time

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By Faith (Hymnal: Key of A)

# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Words by William H. How  
 Music by Christopher Miner

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system has three measures with chords D, G, and D above. The second system has four measures with chords A, G, D, and A above. The third system has five measures with chords Bm, A, G, D, and A above, and the text 'Last Time To Coda' above the fourth measure. The fourth system has two measures with chords A and D above. The lyrics are: '1. For all the saints who from this la - bor's rest to thee by - 2. Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their 3. O may thy sold - iers faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the be - fore the world con - fess thy name O Je - sus be for - Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their saints who no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic - tor's e - ver - blessed al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu. one true light. al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu. crown of gold. al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu. lu - ia.

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Allelu.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia. Alleluia.

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