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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 26, 2021

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

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.

“...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”
Ephesians 5:21

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Ephesians 5:21 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5

*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.*

Invocation

Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

refrain: *Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon, and stars of light,
refrain

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
refrain

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
refrain

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely giv’n,
graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n,
refrain

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- 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*
- 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*
- 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
- 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.*
- 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.*
- 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God,
 did not consider equality with God something to be exploited;
 rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature
 of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
 He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
 even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and
 gave Him the name that is above every name,
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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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Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Father, we are thankful for Your great mercy.
Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.
Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good,
love what You love, and do what You command.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

- 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*
- 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—*
- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*
- 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*
- 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Hymn

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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*Scripture

Colossians 3:18-19 and Ephesians 5:21-24

- 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*
- 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*
- 5:21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*
- 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
- 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*
- 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
Walking as a New Creation as a Wife”*

Hymn

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What e'er I do, where e'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

***refrain:** He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
for by His hand He leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

refrain

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

*“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ:
Walking as a New Creation as a Wife”*
Colossians 3:18-19 and Ephesians 5:21-24

I. The Nature of Submission.

II. The Grounds for Submission.

III. The Extent of Submission.

IV. The Importance of Submission.

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