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*Gospel Centered*  
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 the church family to build community.

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*  
2 Corinthians 12:9

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on 2 Corinthians 12:9 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

*[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

*"O How Good It Is"*

(sheet music pgs. 8 & 9)

Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruit of His presence here among us.

**chorus:** *So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
and with one heart we'll live out His Word;  
till the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,  
for He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;  
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

**chorus**

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;  
when we live as one we all share in the love  
of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

**chorus**

*[6] “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*

*[7] It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,*

*[8] but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

*[9] Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

*[10] and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.*

*[11] You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*“Sing, Rejoice, a Song of Praise”*  
arr. by John Leavitt

Choir

Sing, rejoice, a song of praise: Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Lord, in joy we raise: Alleluia, alleluia.  
Celebrate and lift your singing: Alleluia, alleluia.  
All our hearts glad tidings bringing: Alleluia, alleluia.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Ephesians 2:19-22

*[19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

*[20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,*

*[21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

*[22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Hymn

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.  
Hear Him ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 3:13-19

Pastor Reed

*[13] And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.*

*[14] And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach*

*[15] and have authority to cast out demons.*

*[16] He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);*

*[17] James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);*

*[18] Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot,*

*[19] and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

Sermon

*“The Twelve”*

Pastor Reed

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

### Hymn

#### *"Amazing Grace!"*

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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### Invitation to The Lord's Supper

### 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

1 Peter 2:9-10

*[9] 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. [10] 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.*

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father, now be given,  
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven-  
the one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The Twelve"*  
Mark 3:13-19

I. Called to Jesus

II. Appointed by Jesus

III. Empowered by Jesus' Grace

# Oh How Good It Is

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## INTRO

C F C F



## VERSE

6 C/E F G C C



1. Oh how good it is when the  
 (2. Oh how) good it is on this  
 (3. Oh how) good it is to em -

11 F C F C/E Am



fam - 'ly of God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni -  
 jour - ney we share to re - joice with the hap - py, and weep with those who  
 -brace His com - mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er, for - give as He for -

16 G C C/E F C/G



-ty; Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the  
 mourn; For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we  
 -gives; When we live as one we all share in the love of the

## CHORUS

21 F C/E F G C G



fruit of His pres-ence here a - mong us. So, with one voice we'll  
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.  
 Son, with the Fa - ther, and the Spir - it.



27 F C G F G

sing \_\_\_ to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live \_\_\_ out His word; Till the

33 C C/E F C F

whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come, for He dwells in the

Last time to Coda ♪ 1. **TURNAROUND** 2.

38 C/E F G F C/E F G G

pres-ence of His peo - ple. 2. Oh how peo -

**INTERLUDE**

44 C G F/G C/G G

-ple. Da, da, da, da, da, da; Da, da, da, da, da, da; Da, da, da, da, da, da, da.

49 F C/E G/D G D.S. al Coda

Da, da, da, da, da, da; Da, da, da, da, da, da; Da, da, da, da, da, da, da. 3. Oh how

♪ Coda **OUTRO**

53 G C F C

peo - ple.

58 F C/E F G C

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