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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 5, 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.

*"But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 43:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-5

*3 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,*

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

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

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

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

## Congregational Prayer

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

## Corporate Profession of Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

## Hymn

*"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build, my Shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of Thy Name refresh my soul in death.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Heal our confused mind with Your word, heal our divided will with Your law, heal our troubled conscience with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. 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.*

### Hymn

*“My Hope Is in the Lord”*

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,  
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

**refrain:** *For me He died, for me He lives,  
and everlasting life and life He freely gives.*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,  
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

**refrain**

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.

**refrain**

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,  
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

**refrain**

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### Scripture

Malachi 3:13-4:3

*<sup>3:13</sup> “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’*

*<sup>14</sup> You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’*

*<sup>15</sup> And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”*

*<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.*

*<sup>17</sup> “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.*

*<sup>18</sup> Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.*

*<sup>4:1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.*

*<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

*<sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.*

Sermon

“Some Honest Words”

Pastor Coyle

\*Hymn

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

**chorus:** *Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him,  
behold our King, nothing can compare,  
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

**chorus**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

(sheet music pg. 8)

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"*

**chorus:** *We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together  
we will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed, by the flood,  
upheld, protected, gathered up.

**chorus**

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
my soul, be not afraid,  
for the promised morning, O how long,  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

**chorus**

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful One;  
and from the garden to the grace,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

**chorus**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
“*Some Honest Words*”  
Malachi 3:13-4:3

I. Words of Cruelty (v.13-15).

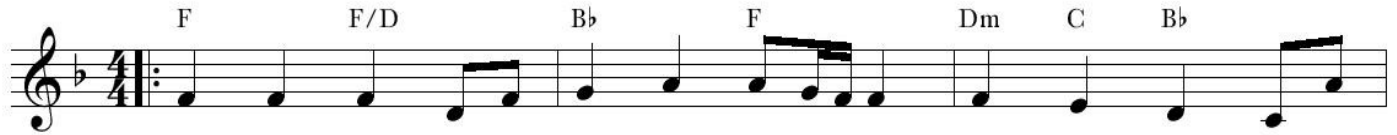
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III. Words of Certainty (v.1-3).

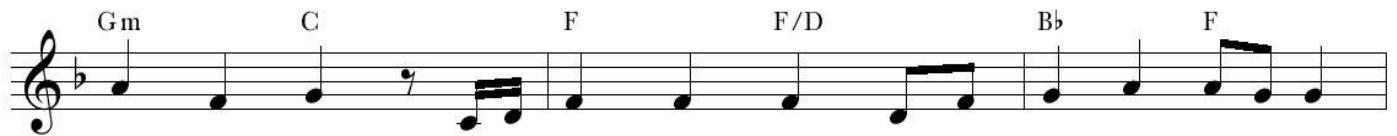
# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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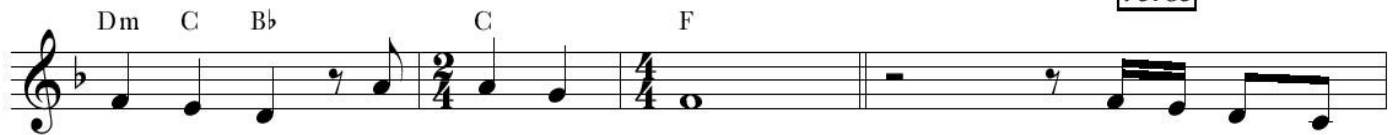
## Chorus



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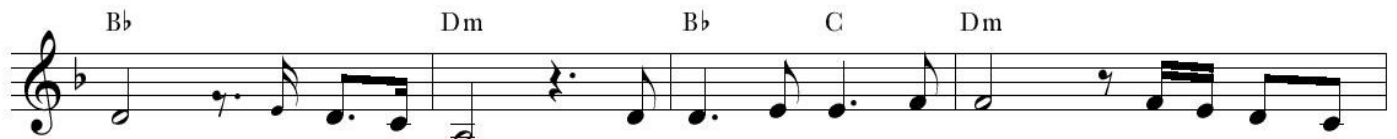
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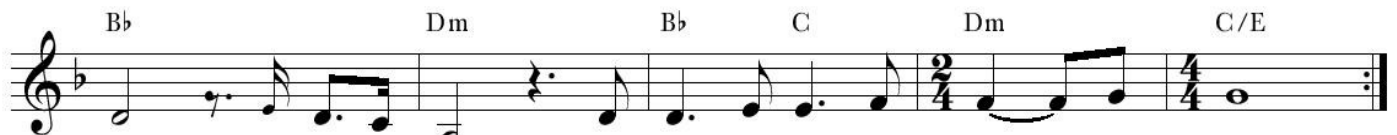
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## Verse

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.  
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom



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