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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 6, 2020

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.

*"And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,
For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."*

Ezra 3:11

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Ezra 3:11 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

*¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever!*

*² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed
from trouble*

*³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the
west, from the north and from the south.*

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

"Come, People of the Risen King"

(sheet music pgs. 9 & 10)

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
come, all and tune your heart to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Chorus: *Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through ev'ry age; "Our God is all in all."

Chorus

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
 how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
 how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, s
 ent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Refrain

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

*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.*

*6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by
 various by various trials,*

*7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though
 it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of
 Jesus Christ.*

*8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe
 in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Congregational Prayer

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
 the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
 the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jason Van Goor, Deacon

Hymn

“There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
 Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
 and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
 Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
 and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
 and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
 Thank You, O, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
 and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O my Savior, help me.
 I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;
 I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;
 I am pained by my graceless heart,
 my prayerless days, my poverty of love,
 my sloth in the heavenly race,
 my sullied conscience, my wasted hours,
 my unspent opportunities.

I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales
 from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief.

Make it my highest joy to study You, meditate on You, gaze
 on You, sit like Mary at Your feet, lean like John on Your breast,
 appeal like Peter to Your love, count like Paul all things but dung.
 I believe, help my unbelief. Amen

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

***Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

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Scripture Reading

⁸ Now in the second year after their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their kinsmen, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to supervise the work of the house of the LORD.

⁹ And Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together supervised the workmen in the house of God, along with the sons of Henadad and the Levites, their sons and brothers.

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel.

¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy,

¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Sermon

"A Bittersweet Gathering"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave,
lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes
"A Bittersweet Gathering"
Ezra 3:8-13

Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 108)

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

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in.
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G 1.2.

joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

24 C C Dm G Gsus C

joice!

2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!

3. Come,

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