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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
September 7, 2025

**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.

*“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.  
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”  
Matthew 26:41*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Matthew 26:41 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

*[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through  
the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.  
[15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize  
with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted  
as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw  
near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help in time of need.*

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

*“Arise, My Soul, Arise”*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears  
before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on His hands.

**chorus:** *Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

**chorus**

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary  
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

**chorus**

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

**chorus**

Scripture Reading

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jason Guenther, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."

**refrain:** *Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,  
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

**refrain**

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim -  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

**refrain**

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-42

Sermon

*"Jesus' Gethsemane"*

Pastor Reed

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

*"According to Thy Gracious Word"*  
(to the tune Martyrdom "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed")

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

## 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 of Confession (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### Prayer of Blessing

### Distribution of the Elements

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Hymn

*“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”*

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,  
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;  
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry;  
now in Heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,  
then anew His song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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### Scriptural Benediction

### Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"Jesus' Gethsemane"*  
Mark 14:32-42

I. Jesus Alone.

II. The Disciples Asleep.

1. Summarize your understanding of the significance of Jesus being alone in Gethsemane.
2. How does Jesus being alone so we will never be alone encourage us?
3. Evaluate your prayer life. How might Jesus' admonition to watch and pray exhort us to greater faithfulness as His disciples?

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