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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*August 13, 2023

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 a ffiliating with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), *confessional* by adhering to the Westminster Standards,

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.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Proverbs 3:5 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Invocation

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

[9] Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

[10] Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

[11] Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

[12] Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

[13] Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

[14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

[15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

[16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

[17] Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

[18] If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

[19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

[20] To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

[21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jonathan Goodwin, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

[4] "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

[5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Hymn

"Forever Trusting in the Lord"

Forever trusting in the Lord, take heed to do His will; so shall you dwell within the land, and He your needs shall fill.

Delight now in the Lord, and He will grant your heart's request; to Him commit your way in faith, and thus you shall be blessed.

And He shall make your righteousness shine brightly as the light, and as the burning noon-day sun your judgment shall be bright.

Rest in the Lord with quiet trust, wait patiently for Him; though wickedness triumphant seem, let not your faith grow dim.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we confess that we have not trusted You
with our whole heart;
We have leaned on our own understanding
and been wise in our own eyes;
In our thoughts, words and deeds
we have not acknowledged You
and so our paths have been crooked before You.
Forgive us our sins and teach us by Your Spirit to fear You
and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

[9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way; the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell bound race, indiff'rent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place, You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace! Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose and let my song forever be my only boast is You. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life! Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

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Scripture Reading Proverbs 3:1-12 Pastor Coyle

- [1] My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,
- [2] for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.
- [3] Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.
- [4] So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.
- [5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- [6] In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- [7] Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- [8] It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
- [9] Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
- [10] then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- [11] My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof,
- [12] for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,

swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,

ever, only, all for Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline "Committing to Wisdom" Proverbs 3:1-12

I. Keep wisdom close (v.1-4)

II. Trust the Lord completely (v.5-10)		
11. Trust the Lord completely (v.5-10)		
III. Welcome the Lord's correction (v.11-12)		

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