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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

*"So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."
Malachi 2:16*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Malachi 2:16 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

*³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Invocation

Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress.
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.
Widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him.
Praise with us the God of grace.

*² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked,
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”*

³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?”

*⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of
divorce and to send her away.”*

*⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of
heart he wrote you this commandment.*

⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’

*⁷ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast
to his wife,*

*⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two
but one flesh.*

⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

*¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries
another commits adultery against her,*

*¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another,
she commits adultery.”*

*⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.*

⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

*¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is
his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.

We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts.

We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole.

Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now
and forever. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn

(sheet music pg. 8)

“All I Have Is Christ”

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!

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Scripture

Malachi 2:10-16

*10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?
Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant
of our fathers?*

*11 Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed
in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary
of the LORD, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a
foreign god.*

*12 May the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant of
the man who does this, who brings an offering to the LORD of hosts!*

*13 And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with
tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards
the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.*

*14 But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the LORD was witness
between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been
faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.*

¹⁵ *Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God^l seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.*

¹⁶ *“For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”*

Sermon

“Caring for the Covenant”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes
“Caring for the Covenant”
Malachi 2:10-16

"All I Have Is Christ"

Music and Words by
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VERSE

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the way; the sin that
ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the cost You looked up-
would be Yours a - lone and live so all might see the strength to

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help-less state and led me to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
fol - low Your commands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran-somed

own a reb - el to Your will and if you had not loved me first I would ref - use You
played, You suf-fered in my place, You bore the wrath re-served for me, now all I know is
life in an - y way You choose and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

1. still. 2.3. But as I grace! Hal-le-
You. You.

CHORUS
lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus is my life! Hal-le -

life! 3. Now Lord I

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