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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 23, 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.

*“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret,
whereas worldly grief produces death.”*

2 Corinthians 7:10

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship by
reflecting on 2 Corinthians 7:10 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31:13-14

*¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the
young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning
into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.*

*¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my
people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD.*

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!

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.

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.

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.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory,
strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
in His arms He carries them all day long:

Refrain: *Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Refrain

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

Jim Lewis , Ruling Elder

¹ *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the Lord has
anointed me to bring good news to the poor;[a] he has sent me to
bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and
the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

² *to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance
of our God; to comfort all who mourn;*

³ *to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful
headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be
called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may
be glorified.*

⁴ *They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former
devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of
many generations.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bob Davis, Deacon

Hymn

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

(sheet music pg. 8)

God be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Saviour art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

- ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,*
- ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*
- ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great
God and Savior Jesus Christ,*
- ¹⁴ 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

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

(sheet music pg. 8)

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgement just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true,
cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee,
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3-12

- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*
- ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*
- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*
- ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*
- ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰ *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹ *“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.*

¹² *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Sermon

“The Blessedness of Godly Grief”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

All the way my Savior leads me what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Blessedness of Godly Grief"
Matthew 5:3-12 (focus on verse 4)

I. Godly Grief.

II. True Repentance.

III. Eternal Comfort.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

(PS. 51)

Words by Richard Redhead
Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

1. God, be trans - mer - ci - ful to me,
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
 3. I am e - vil, born to in sin;
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust

On thy grace I rest my plea;
 Grief and guilt sir - my est soul truth op with - press;
 Thou de - thy - wrath and and judge - ment in just,

Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
 Thou a lone con - my trite Sav - iour re - art,
 Let my con - E hear thy voice

Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 And pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Teach thy wis - dom to my heart; my heart;
 And in glad - ness hear thy voice;

Wash me, Make me pure, with in,
 I con - fess thy O judge - ment just,
 Make me pure, sins O grace be - stow,
 From my sins O hide thy face,

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 Wash me white - er than the snow.
 Blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 Make my spirit right and true
 Cast me not away from thee,
 Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 Thy salvation's joy impart,
 Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
 And return O God to Thee
 Savior all my guilt remove,
 And my tongue shall sing Thy love
 Touch my silent lips O Lord,
 And my mouth shall praise accord

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