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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.

*“But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.”*
Psalm 37:11

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Psalm 37:11 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

*²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest.*

*²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle
and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Invocation

Hymn

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

All praise to Thee, eternal Lord,
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for Thy throne,
while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.

Once did the skies before Thee bow;
a virgin’s arms contain Thee now:
angels who did in Thee rejoice,
now listen for Thine infant voice.

A little child, Thou art our guest,
that weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth;
that we may rise to heav’n from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night
to make us children of the light,
To make us, in the realms divine,
like Thine own angels round Thee shine.

All this for us Thy love hath done;
by this to Thee our love is won;
For this we tune our cheerful lays,
and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

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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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Kevin Breniman, Ruling Elder

52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind -

¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Congregational Prayer

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

John Dambaugh, Deacon

Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, Your standards for status, Your principles for promotion, Your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.

How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions - seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with You. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to You again, unfulfilled.

Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of Him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4; 7-8

*³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hymn

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
'Finished!' the victory cry.

chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
won through Your selfless love!

Final chorus: This the power of the cross Son of God --- slain for us.
What a love, what a cost we stand forgiven at the cross.

- 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 Surprise of Meekness”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
 To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM;
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
 and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity, I'll sing on.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Surprise of Meekness"
Matthew 5:3-12

I. Examples of Meekness.

II. Meaning of Meekness.

III. Reward of Meekness.

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