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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
February 14, 2021

*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.

*"And grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness"*  
Acts 4:29

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Acts 4:29 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Missions Conference Update

Tom Fox

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!  
<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

Invocation

Hymn

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
 come, all and tune your heart to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
 From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
 where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**chorus:** *Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
 One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.  
 Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
 For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
 but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

**chorus**

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.  
 Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
 Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
 the truth that cries through ev'ry age; "Our God is all in all."

**chorus**

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## Scripture Reading

## Psalm 2

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

- <sup>1</sup> *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?*
- <sup>2</sup> *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,  
 against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,*
- <sup>3</sup> *"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."*
- <sup>4</sup> *He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,*
- <sup>6</sup> *"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."*
- <sup>7</sup> *I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I  
 have begotten you.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the  
 earth your possession.*
- <sup>9</sup> *You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a  
 potter's vessel."*
- <sup>10</sup> *Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is  
 quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

## Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

## 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

Tom Fox, Deacon

## Hymn

*“Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things.

We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness.

Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

*<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,  
<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.  
<sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you  
<sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

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

*<sup>23</sup> When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.  
<sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,  
<sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—  
<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,*

*28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.*

*29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,*

*30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

*31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Sermon

*“A Bold Prayer”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness - take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee: thou wilt find a solace there.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

*“A Bold Prayer”*

Acts 4:23-31

I. The Disciples' Determination (v.23-24).

II. The Disciples' Declaration (v.25-28).

III. The Disciples' Desire (v. 29-30).

# Come, People of the Risen King

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Jubilant (♩ = 108)

C C/E F C/E F C/E G F C C/E

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your  
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of  
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will  
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His  
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in. } Re -  
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. }  
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our — God is all in all."

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G

1. 2.  
 joyce! Re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

24 C C Dm G Gsus C

3.  
 joyce!  
 2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joyce!  
 3. Come,



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