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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

July 4, 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.

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”  
“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.  
Jeremiah 31:3b*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Jeremiah 31:3b printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 63:7-8

*<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the  
LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great  
goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according  
to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.*

*<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal  
falsely.” And he became their Savior.*

Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy  
Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we for-  
give our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.

Hymn

*“Come, People of the Risen King”*

(sheet music pgs. 8 & 9)

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***

*<sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,*

*<sup>7</sup> and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”*

*<sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.*

*<sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”*

*<sup>10</sup> And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,*

*<sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—*

*<sup>12</sup> she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”*

*<sup>13</sup> As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”*

*<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!*

*<sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”*

*<sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.*

*<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”*

*<sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.*

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

1 John 4:9-11

*<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.*

*<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

*<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

Offertory

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Hymn

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*  
(stanzas 1-3)

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow’r:  
He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,  
without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:  
not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

words by Joseph Hart/music by Matthew Smith/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and Your people. We have not loved You or loved our neighbor as You have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

*“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.”*

Hymn

*“Come Ye Sinners”*  
(stanzas 4-5)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;  
this He gives you, this He gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! th’incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;  
venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:  
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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<sup>1</sup> *The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.*

<sup>2</sup> *“I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob*

*but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.”*

<sup>4</sup> *If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the LORD of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.’”*

<sup>5</sup> *Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!”*

*“The Covenant Love of God”*

*“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*  
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father, now be given,  
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven-  
the one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Covenant Love of God”*  
Malachi 1:1-5

I. Love Confessed (v. 2a).

II. Love Challenged (v. 2b).

III. Love Confirmed (v. 2c-5).

# 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.  
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -  
 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

joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tonguere - joice! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

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Come, People of the Risen King (Hymnal)



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3.  
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joice!

2. Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!

3. Come,

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