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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.

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”*

Ephesians 4:11-13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Ephesians 4:11-13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Missions Report

Tom Fox

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-26

*²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come
to an end;*

²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Invocation

Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.

Hymn

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to You, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in You alone we live and move, and have our being in Your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
in You we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met Your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in You,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In You we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know You is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O Risen Lord! We live in You: in us each day Your life renew!

We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Bill Scholl, 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.

Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from
Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
according to Your promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Grant that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life;
to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Hymn

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With His blood He purchased me;
on the cross He sealed my pardon,
paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.

refrain

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,
how the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.

refrain

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.

refrain

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Scripture

Colossians 1:14-2:5

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

*¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities — all things were created through him and for him.*

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,

2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word:
from Heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those who hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

’Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high might dwell with Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Making Christ Known”
Colossians 1:14-2:5

I. A Steward of the Word.

II. A Proclaimer of the Word.

III. An Encourager of the Word.

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