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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*June 18, 2023

Covenant's Mission Statement

"To build a faithful community of joyful disciples."

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

missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and *relational* by encouraging the church family to build community.

"and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" Colossians 1:13b-14

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Colossians 1:13b-14 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

[1] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

[2] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

[3] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

[4] who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

[5] who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Invocation

Hymn

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

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,
power and glory unto the Lord belong:

refrain

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- [1] Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.
- [2] Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- [3] For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- [4] But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.
- [5] For each will have to bear his own load.
- [6] Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.
- [7] Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
- [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- [9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
- [10] So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Seekers of Light" by by Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman

Choir

Hope of the world, Light everlasting, Jesus, the brightest and best, Son of the Dawn, You are my Vision, You are the Heart of my quest. Drawn by the Flame, led by a star, You are our Lamp in the night. Eyes full of hope, warmed by a Promise, we are the seekers of Light. Joy of the world, glory of heaven, Beacon of hope burning bright. Spark of true love, Fire of creation, draw me to live in Your light. Drawn by the Flame, led by a star, You are our Lamp in the night. Eyes full of hope, warmed by a Promise, we are the seekers of Light. Lord of my life, lead through the darkness; let me burn bright for Your name. Shine through me, Lord. Make me Your Light.

Consume me now with Your flame.

Drawn by the Flame, led by a star, You are our Lamp in the night.

Eyes full of hope, warmed by a Promise, we are the seekers of Light, we are the seekers of Light.

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Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continuity to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Hymn

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart; they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

refrain: To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree, have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.

refrain

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me: no righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.

We are more ready to resent than to forgive,

more ready to manipulate than to serve,

more ready to fear than to love,

more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,

more ready to compete than to help.

At the root of this behavior is mistrust.

We do not love one another as we should,

because we do not believe that You love us as You do.

Forgive us our cold unbelief.

And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of Your love at the cross.

Show us what it cost You to give up Your Son

that we might become Your sons and daughters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness.

Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

[8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Hymn

"Speak, O Lord" (sheet music on pgs. 9&10) words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness; hat the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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- [1] Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.
- [2] And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.
- [3] Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.
- [4] So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it."
- [5] Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance."
- [6] Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."
- [7] Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel.
- [8] So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal.
- [9] Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.
- [10] Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."
- [11] Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem,
- [12] and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

Hymn

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"

(sheet music pgs. 11&12)

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer there is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me through the deepest valley He will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid; for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh when the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home; and day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus all the glory evermore to Him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

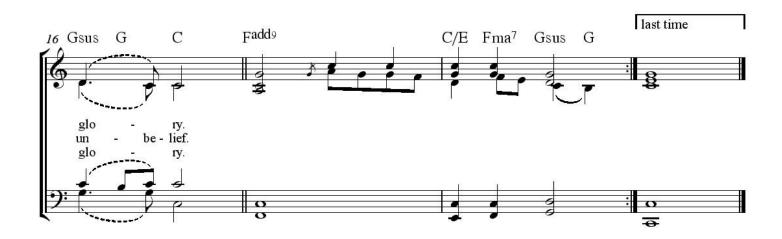
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Scriptural Benediction

<u>Sermon Outline</u> "The Righteous Redeemer" Ruth 4:1-12

Speak, O Lord





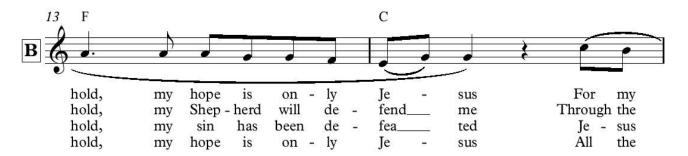
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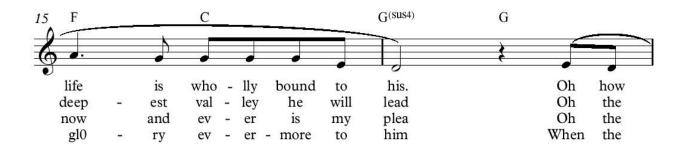
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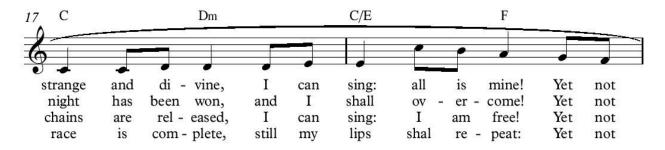
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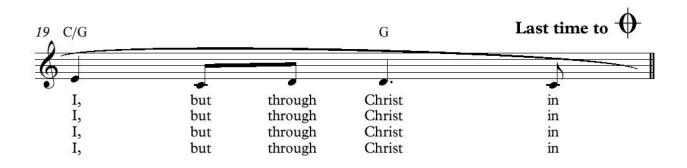


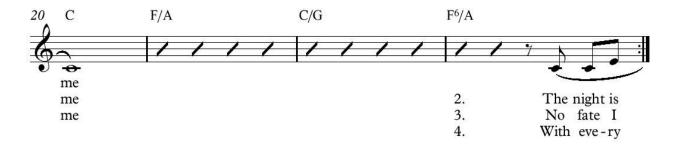
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