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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

May 24, 2020

*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.

*"You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!"*

Psalm 70:5

Prelude

**During the prelude, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Psalm 70:5 printed above.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:28-29

*<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.*

Invocation

Corporate Profession of Faith

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

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.

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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jason Van Goor, Deacon

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

*25 At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;*

*26 yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.*

*27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

*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.”*

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker , Ruling Elder

Hymn

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like Thine  
can peace afford.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

I need Thee ev'ry hour;  
stay Thou near by;  
temptations lose their pow'r  
when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide,  
or life is vain.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
teach me Thy will,  
and Thy rich promises  
in me fulfil.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper,  
born in my birth, alive in my life,  
strong in my character, dominating my faculties,  
following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought,  
my chain that holds me captive.*

*Yet Your compassions yearn over me,  
Your heart hastens to my rescue,  
Your love endured my curse,*

*Your mercy bore my justice.*

*Let me walk in humility,  
bathed in Your blood,  
tender of conscience,  
living in triumph as an heir of salvation  
through Your blessed name. Amen.*

*<sup>21</sup> Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.*

*<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

Hymn

*“It Is Well with My Soul”*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

**Refrain:** It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

**Refrain**

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Refrain**

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

**Refrain**

- <sup>1</sup> Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!*
- <sup>2</sup> Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!  
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!*
- <sup>3</sup> Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"*
- <sup>4</sup> May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!  
May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"*
- <sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!  
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!*

Sermon

*"A Cry for Help"*

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 Cry for Help”*

I. David voices his desperation (v.1,5).

II. David expresses his desires (v.2-4).

III. David confesses his dependence (v.5).

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