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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

May 30, 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.

*“For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.”*
Romans 11:36

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Romans 11:36 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-2, 48

*¹ Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures forever!*

² Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

*⁴⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!*

Invocation

Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 93

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

¹ *The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.*

² *Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.*

³ *The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.*

⁴ *Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!*

⁵ *Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scott Freydl, Deacon

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all - a healing stream - flows from Calvary's mountain.

***refrain:** In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.*

refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him,
our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be Thine.

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Scripture

Colossians 1:15-23

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.*

Sermon

“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Lord Over All”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ: Lord Over All”
Colossians 1:15-23

I. Lord Over Creation (v. 15-17).

II. Lord Over Redemption (v. 18-23).

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