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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

May 31, 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.*

*“Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
The Lord will reign forever and ever.”
Exodus 15:11,18*

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Exodus 15:11, 18 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Habakkuk 3:17-19

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ GOD, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places.

Invocation

Hymn

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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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.

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."

²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

²⁷And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Hymn

"I Have a Shelter"

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You my place of peace and solace;
no trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me;
for in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You the One who bears my burdens;
with faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
 Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:
 if Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
 O who shall stand before Thee? (echo)
 O who shall stand before Thee? (echo)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
 our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
 no man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
 and live alone by mercy, (echo)
 and live alone by mercy. (echo)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
 on Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
 I wait for it with patience, (echo)
 I wait for it with patience. (echo)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
 my heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth:
 do thus, O Ye of Israel’s seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
 and wait till God appeareth, (echo)
 and wait till God appeareth. (echo)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
 His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
 from all their sin and sorrow, (echo)
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Martin Luther

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 33:26-29

²⁶ “There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in His majesty.

²⁷ The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And He thrust out the enemy before you and said, ‘Destroy.’

²⁸ So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose heavens drop down dew.

²⁹ Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs.”

“Three Dimensions of Blessing for God’s People”

Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Three Dimensions of Blessing for God’s People”
Deuteronomy 33:26-29

I. God, Our Sovereign Helper-King.

II. God, Our Eternal Protector-King.

III. God, Our Triumphant Warrior-King.

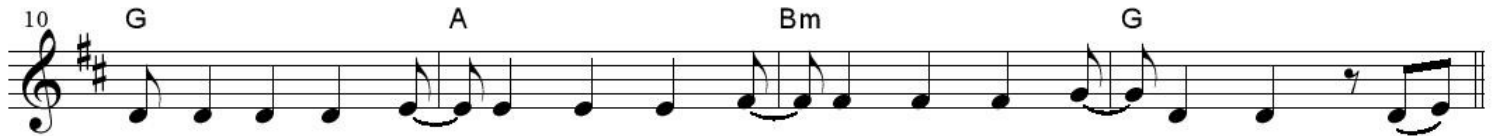
PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



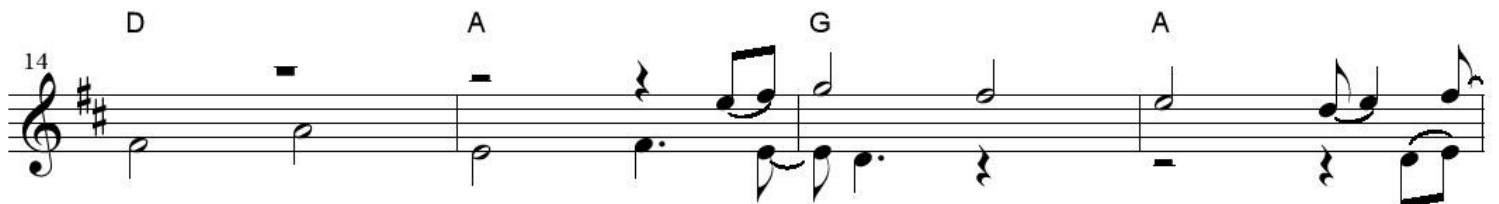
1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord,
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth; Our



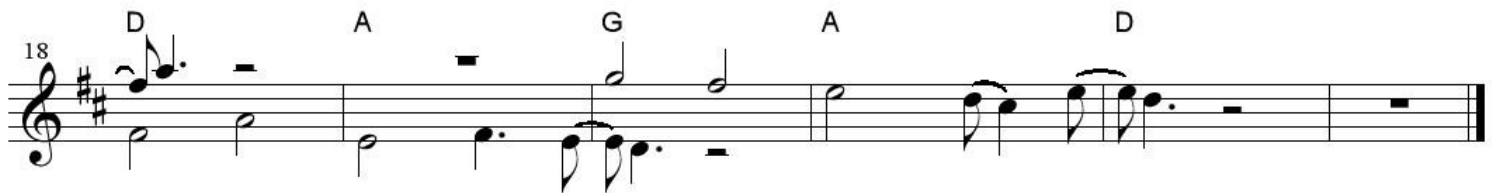
turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If
 works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail - eth; No



thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, Men: O
 man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess thy might, And



who shall stand be - fore thee? O
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