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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 1, 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.

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12*

Prelude **During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on John 8:12 printed above.**

Welcome

Missions Update

Tom Fox

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 29:11-13

*¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare
and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the
Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;
the Light of the world is Jesus; like sunshine at noonday,
His glory shone in, the Light of the world is Jesus.

Refrain: *Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee;
sweetly the light has dawned upon me;
once I was blind, but now I can see;
the Light of the world is Jesus!*

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,
the Light of the world is Jesus; we walk in the light
when we follow our Guide, the Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin blinded eyes,
the Light of the world is Jesus; go, wash, at His bidding,
and light will arise, the Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

No need of the sunlight in Heaven we're told,
the Light of the world is Jesus; the Lamb is the Light
in the City of Gold, the Light of the world is Jesus!

Refrain

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength -

⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Congregational Prayer

Jerry Potts, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tom Fox, Deacon

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!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering.

We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world.

Lord forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:7-9

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus vast, unmeasured, boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean, it its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest above.
O the deep, deep love all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o’er His loved ones those He died to make His own
How for them He’s interceding pleading now before the throne.
Oh the deep, deep love all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus far surpassing all the rest
It’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Mighty Savior, precious Friend
You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end.

Oh the deep, deep love all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.
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¹³ *“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

¹⁴ *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

¹⁵ *Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

¹⁶ *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Sermon

“An Influential Disciple”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
to them that seek Thee Thou art good,
to them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,
and long to feast upon Thee still;
we drink of Thee, the fountain-head,
and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Arise, O God, and Shine”

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
and earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*An Influential Disciple*”
Matthew 5:13-16

I. Salt

II. Light

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