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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
September 27, 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.

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”
Proverbs 4:23

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by reflecting on Proverbs 4:23 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1-6

¹The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

²for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Invocation

Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: *Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.

Refrain

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

Refrain

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

Refrain

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Sands of time are sinking the dawn of heaven breaks,
 the summer morn I've sighed for the fair, sweet morn awakes
 Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand
 and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen
 it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between
 the Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand
 and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain the deep sweet well of love
 The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above.
 There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand
 and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom's face
 I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace
 Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand
 The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am by beloved's and my beloved is mine!
 He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
 I stand upon His merit I know no other stand.
 Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

²² *"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.*

²³ *And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.*

²⁴ *I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.*

²⁵ *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.*

²⁶ *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

²⁷ *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules*

²⁸ *You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, 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 Calv'ry'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

Almighty God, we confess that we have exchanged the truth about You for a lie; we have worshiped and served created things rather than You, our loving Creator.

Because of this our lives are empty, our relationships are broken and we deserve Your judgment.

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

By Your Spirit, help us to trust in You and live for Your glory. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Hymn

"If Thou Hast Drawn a Thousand Times"

(sheet music pg. 9)

chorus: (men) If Thou has drawn a thousand times
(women) Oh draw me Lord again
(men) around me cast the spirit's bands
(women) Oh draw me Lord again.

Draw me from created good, from self, the world, and sin
to the fountain of Thy blood, and make me pure within.

chorus

Lead me to Thy mercy seat, Oh draw me nearer still
like Mary draw me to Thy feet, to sit and learn Thy will.

chorus

Draw me all the desert through, with cords of heav'nly love
and when prepared for going home oh draw me up above.

chorus

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:2-8

² *And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*

³ *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴ *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵ *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶ *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷ *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸ *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with Thine,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Heart of a Disciple”
Matthew 5:2-8

I. The Primacy of the Heart.

II. The Problem of the Heart.

III. The Purity of the Heart.

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

Words by Anne Cousin
 Based on Samuel Rutherford's Letter
 Traditional Folk Tune
 Arranged by Philip Palmertree
 and Belmont RUF

1. The sands of time are sink - ing The
 2. The king there in His beaut - y With
 3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain The

dawn out deep of a sweet hea - ven is of breaks, seen love The
 It
 The

sum - mer a morn I've sighed for The
 were on well earth - spent jour - ney Though
 streams on earth I've tast - ed More

fair, sev'n sweet morn a - wakes Dark,
 deep I'll drink lay - tween The
 a - bove There

dark had been the mid - night But
 Lamb with an His o - cean ar - my Doth
 to an o - cean full - ness His

day - spring is at hand And
 on Mount Zi - on ex - pand And
 mer - cy doth ex - pand And

glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Em - man - uel's land
 glor - y, glor - y dwell - eth In Em - man - uel's land
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4. The bride eyes not her garment
 But her dear bride-groom's face
 I will not gaze at glory
 But on my King of grace
 Not at the crown He giveth
 But on His pierced hand
 The Lamb is all the glory
 Of Emmanuel's land

5. Oh! I am my beloved's
 And my beloved is mine!
 He brings a poor vile sinner
 Into His house of wine
 I stand upon His merit
 I know no other stand
 Not e'en where glory dwelleth
 In Emmanuel's land

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IF THOU HAST DRAWN A THOUSAND TIMES

Words by Beddome and Rippon
alt. by Kevin Twit and Brown
Music by Kevin Twit
and Craig Brown

Chorus

D/F# G
D
G/B
Cadd9
Dadd9

(men) If Thou hast drawn a thou - sand times (women) Oh draw me Lord

5

D/F# G
D
G/B
Cadd9
Dadd9

a (men) A - round me cast the spir - it's bands (women) Oh draw me Lord

9

Em
D/F#
G
/A /B Cadd9
Dadd9

a - gain

Verse

Em
Dadd9
Cadd9
Dadd9

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1. Draw me from cre - a - ted good, From self, the world, and sin
2. Lead me to Thy mer - cy - seat, Oh draw me near - er still
3. Draw me all the des - ert through, With cords of heav'n - ly love

17

Em
Dadd9

Like To - the foun - tain me of Thy blood, And
And when Ma - ry draw - tain me for to Thy feet, To
pre - pared for go - ing home Oh

20

Cadd9
Dadd9

make sit me pure with - in
draw and me learn up Thy - in
a - bove (men) If

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