

Come, Holy Spirit!

When Jesus went to be with his Father, he said that he had to go in order that he might send another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who would comfort and admonish his church. He promised his church that it would be filled with power after the Holy Spirit had come. The disciples were told that they would be witnesses to him, in the nearby cities, and also to the farthest points of the earth.

Before the church could begin its ministry it had to wait for the outpouring of the Spirit. That outpouring came as the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem. Suddenly the Spirit came with wonderful signs—with a sound like that of a great wind, and with tongues like those of fire, which came to rest on each of the disciples. Filled with the Spirit, they began to prophesy and to speak in strange languages, which they had never learned, so that the faithful Jews, who were gathered from all parts of the earth for the great feast in Jerusalem, could understand them. With these great signs of God's presence the New Testament church was born.

The disciples waited at Jerusalem. But the coming of the Spirit did not depend on their “tarrying.” Instead, they waited until the time arrived which had been appointed by God. Pentecost did not depend on their waiting. Rather, they waited for this day according to their Lord's command.

We do not tarry now to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has already come on the church. If one is a child of God, he is born of the Spirit. The child of God is not told to wait for the Spirit; he is told that the Spirit is within him for he is the temple of the Holy Spirit. As Christ said, within him there is a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life.

The Spirit has come; but that does not mean that all is finished. Since the Spirit is with us, shall we not pray that he might come in an even richer way, that we might have an ever-increasing fellowship with him in our daily lives?

The Spirit has come! Come, Holy Spirit!

*... You have
received the Spirit
of adoption,
whereby we cry,
Abba, Father*

Romans 8:15

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 80

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD’S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 60

“Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 198 *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”*

Sermon Text

Isaiah 30:27-33

Sermon

THE NAME OF THE LORD COMES

*Hymn of Response # 512

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord’s Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Adult Sunday School class. We are studying the book of Colossians.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, May 4. We remember the Lord’s death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord’s Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.

Friday, May 23-Monday, May 26. Sierra Christian Conference Association Memorial Day Weekend conference. Pastor Nathaniel Vroom will speak on “Nicodemus: A Disciple in the Shadows?” See the pamphlet on the sanctuary table for more information and a registration form. No registrations are accepted after May 15.