

A Kingdom of Power

The God of the kingdom is a sovereign God. “He does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:35). The Christ of this kingdom is a sovereign Christ. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18).

The kingdom of God is not powerful as men judge power—great in physical force. Jesus solemnly condemned the use of physical force to advance his kingdom. His power is greater than the power of bombs and bullets. Human power can command the movements of armies, but it requires supernatural power to command the motions of the human heart. This is the power of Christ’s kingdom—the power of the Holy Spirit of the living God. Oh what a power that is! “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,” Christ promised his disciples. In the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit that little company of despised men was used to turn the world upside down.

The power of the kingdom is the power of the cross of Christ. “And I, if I be lifted up from earth will draw all men unto me,” said the Savior. “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,” wrote Paul, “for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.” The cross of Christ’s death for our sins is a cross that is mighty to save. It saves from the penalty of sin which is death. It saves from the power of sin which is bondage. It saves unto newness of life. It saves unto life for evermore.

Christ is coming again in the fullness of his power and in great glory. Then the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

*O LORD God of
hosts, who is
mighty as you are,
O LORD, with your
faithfulness all
around you?*

Psalms 89:8

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 176

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but thou hast promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first thy kingdom. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In thy Son is our salvation, in thy promises our hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 469

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 333

“Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine”

Sermon Text

Luke 7:36-50, pew Bible p. 915

Sermon

THE 3 LOVES

*Hymn of Response # 98

“Now Thank We All Our God”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, we welcome to our pulpit Rev. Brian Tsui, Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada.

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 Joshua. 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 3. The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after the morning worship service.