

Lord's Day Worship

May 8, 2022

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAISE

* Call to Worship

* Opening Hymn *"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

RENEWAL

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Douglas: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24).

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

* Song *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Pastoral Prayer & 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, forever. Amen.

COMMITMENT

Offering

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-14

* Hymn *"Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart"*

Sermon *"The Spirit's Empowerment"*
Luke 24:36-49

Affirmation of Faith Essentials of Our Faith #3

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior, indwelling our hearts. He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

* Closing Hymn *"Lord Jesus, We Must Know You"*

* Benediction

* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

Sermon Outline

Section I - The Great Sift

Section II - What is Empowerment?

A) Luke 24:44-45 - Jesus' Bible study on the Law, Prophets, and Psalms.

B) Luke 24:46-47 - The Gospel - The Christ must suffer and rise again.

C) Luke 24:48-49 - Bearing Witness - Christ empowers the church to bear witness.

Section III - The Problem? We rely on our own strength - Mark 6:1-6

Section IV - The Solution?

A) Proclamation

B) The Message

C) Biblical Empowerment

Section V - Closing

Challenge and Charge: Watch the video of Lake Forest Church winning the Bart Hess award in 2013. Pray that Christ Presbyterian Church experiences the same empowerment. Share your ideas with a church friend, deacon, elder, or pastor! Pray for the Spirit to empower our congregation!



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“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

May 8, 2022 | Rev. Douglas Kortyna
“The Spirit’s Empowerment”
Luke 24:36-49

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