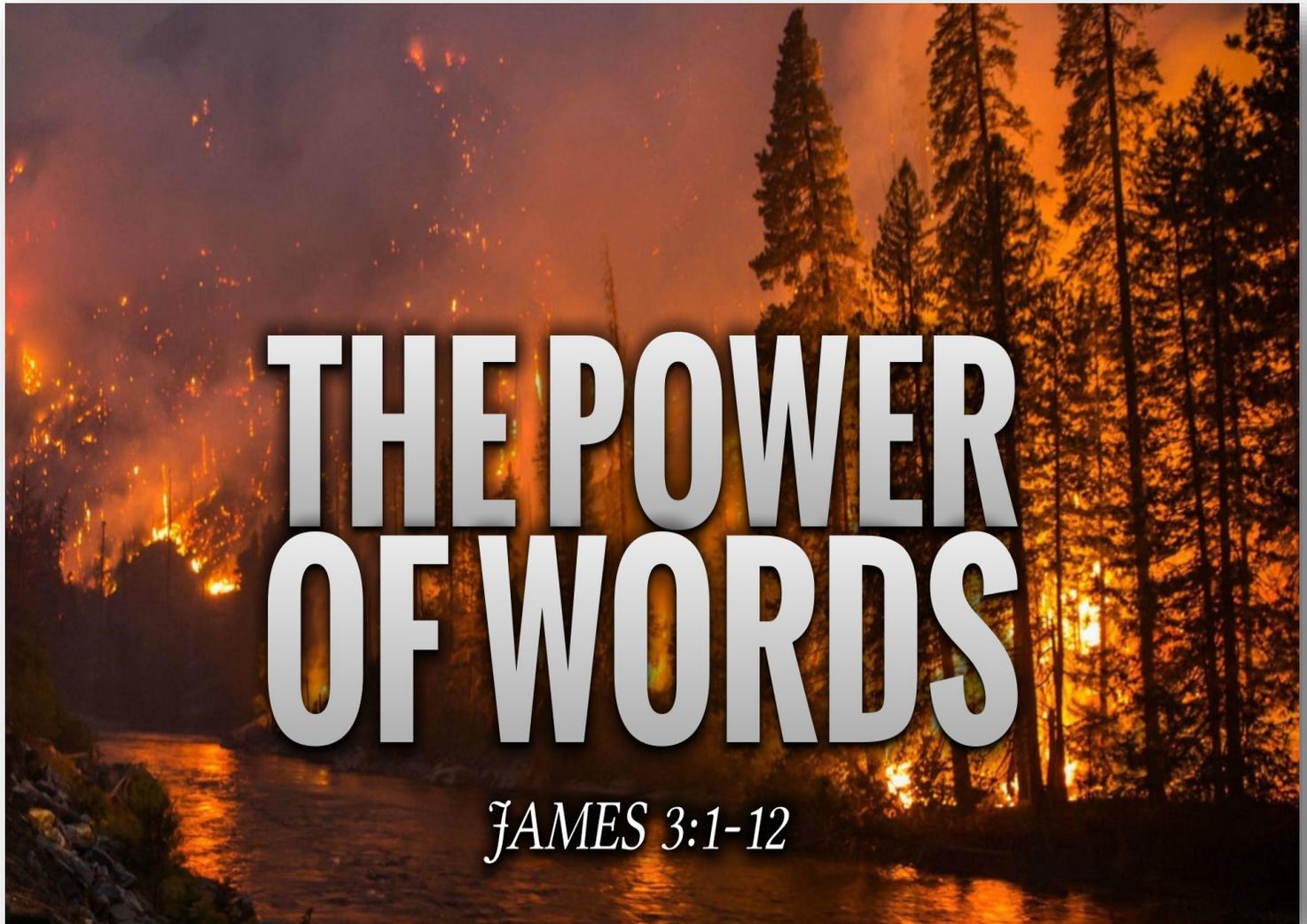


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Laguna Country
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**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

September 12th, 2021
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

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The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

(arr. Wood)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This day Jesus is calling to you.

Lord, help us to hear your call.

This is a time of decision.

Lord, help us to be strong and faithful.

Come, let us celebrate God's love.

Let us rejoice in the call of our Savior.

Teach us your ways, O Lord,

Help us to be closer to you.

HYMN

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
fill moons shall wax and wane no more.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Jesus Shall Reign

#157 vs.1,2,3&5

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!



UNISON PRAYER

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Is Always With Me
Sharon Holmes and Scott Bonhard

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Laddie Galang

Taming the Tongue

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it, we bless the Lord and Father, and with it, we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.



HYMN*O Master, Let Me Walk with Me**

#430 vs.1-4

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company, in work that
keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that
triumphs over wrong;

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE**Cares Chorus**

#2215

I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

PASTORAL PRAYER**LORDS PRAYER****PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God, we hear, and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves, our words, our thoughts, our actions, be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.



HYMN**I Sing the Almighty
Power of God**

#152 vs.1-3

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

BLESSING**PEOPLES RESPONSE****Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place**

#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

(Bach)

Prayer Request

... Thank you from the Heacock's for the prayers for our son, granddaughter, brother and nephew

... Pat Heacock asked for prayers for his niece who is 17 and has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma



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