

## Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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### For Today: The Strength of God

Strength is about pushing through, when everything else inside you says quit. It is about the power of God that rises up on the inside that will not allow you to quit. Strength in the battle is about pushing through, fighting when you want to quit.

Strength is developed through hardship. Your strength comes through battles. It comes through learning to battle well and endure and exercise that muscle. Strength isn't developed on the mountain-top, when everything that your foot touches is blessed. Strength is developed in the valley, when all you have is the promise of God.

The strength you possess is about Who possesses you. Strength is really in understanding how weak you are. This is where most of us get into trouble. We try, in our own strength, to clean up good enough to get to church and do this Christian life well. If you are anything like me, you have made plenty of mistakes. You work really hard to fit in, to be perfect, to measure up...but you can't do it in your own strength. The good news is, not by our strength, but by His spirit. Strength is not about doing church well. Strength is not about legalism and traditionalism and a set of rules that none of us can fully follow anyway. It's about having an encounter with our King. Strength is understanding that the God we belong to set the sun in the sky, the stars in the night, and commands the sea with the sounds of His voice.

Strength doesn't always look like we think it should. Strength will come in unexpected ways and at unexpected times. Maybe you've been praying for days, weeks, even years about a situation. Suddenly, in a day, in a moment, God shows upon the scene and does the miraculous. In the story of the dying slave in Luke 7:1-10, the Roman officer sent for Jesus to come heal his slave. Ultimately, the slave is healed, but he isn't healed when Jesus prays for him, fasts, lays hands on him, or even sees him. He is healed by the faith of another. He didn't do anything to be healed, except ask, and it didn't come in the traditional form. But the healing and strength came, nonetheless.

When we walk in authority, the authority Jesus paid for us to have, we begin to shift perspective and see ourselves differently, stronger. We see our purposes as bigger. Your strength is about the others in your life: the lost, the dying, the broken. Your hurt, your battle, was all for them.

*Isaiah 41:9-10* "... I have chosen you and will not throw you away. Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

*I can do ALL THINGS  
through Christ  
who STRENGTHENS me.*  
-Philippians 4:13

# Happy Sabbath!



*Fair are the meadows,  
fairer this the woodlands  
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes the saddest heart to sing.*

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Sabbath, March 14, 2020



## Sabbath Worship

### *Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.*

Welcome Wally Remitz  
*Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m.* Yvonne Eller

### *Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m.*

Hymn of the Month, "Fight the Good Fight" Hymn 613

### *God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.*

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb" Hymn 246

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:4 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering World Budget: Adventist World Radio

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Jayne Betat

Special Music Olaf and Jayne Betat

Sermon "King of Kings, Lord of Lords" Olaf Betat

Closing Hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymn 240

Benediction



## Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that through Bible study, prayer, and song, you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please stay and fellowship with us at the potluck meal following church service. **You are encouraged to take the opportunity at your potluck table to share how our Lord has blessed you.**

**Upcoming Speakers:** March 21, Ray Sikich  
March 28, Pastor Jason Worf

## Announcements

### **Message this week from Pastor Jason:**

We haven't discussed closing the church. Washington State has asked that gatherings over 250 people be cancelled. As of today (March 14), no known cases of COVID-19 are in Idaho. At this point, the risk still is low. Washing your hands, not touching other people, and staying away from people who are coughing is probably sufficient at this point.

**First Quarter Report from UCC President Minner Labrador Jr.** available online at UCCSDA.org. In our Conference in 2019: 1,228 new members, 48% of new members under the age of 18; 493 baptisms; 2019 tithe was 2% less than 2018

### **Elders Meeting, 6:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18**

**Clark Fork Church Board Meeting, Sunday, March 22.** Time TBA. Plans for church renovations as well as our summer and fall outreach schedule.

**ABC Express Schedule Upcoming:** Sandpoint School on Monday, April 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Bible Study on Tuesday** from 6 p.m. at Beth Duffey's house. Lively gatherings and everyone is welcome!

**Prayer Requests:** Call Janet Remitz. 406-847-5526.

**Clark Fork, Sunset tonight: 6:50 p.m.  
Next Friday night: 6:59 p.m.**

