



# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## THE UNEXPECTED KING

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**February 15, 2026**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

**Today's Speaker:** Dr. David Kieffer, Sr. Pastor

**Worship Leader:** Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

## PRELUDE

*In the Presence of Jehovah/ arr. T. Fettke  
Sweet Hour of Prayer/ arr. B. Hastings  
Kathleen Golias*

## WORDS OF GREETING

## WE APPROACH GOD

## IN WORD

## Genesis 1:27-28 and 2:15-17 (ESV)

Leader: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**People:** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Leader: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

People: **And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**ORDINATION OF OFFICER** Lincoln Fitch, ruling elder

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Almighty God, you created us in your image to represent you and reflect your ways throughout all the earth. Every blessing you grant to us is precious, yet we easily forget that you remain our Lord. We are merely your stewards. Forgive us for treating our time, our talents, and our treasures as if they ultimately belong to us rather than to you. Help us live as your faithful servants. Holy Spirit, equip us to care well for everything you have entrusted to us, like good tenants, so that we might honor you and love our neighbor. Amen

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*God So Loved  
This Is Our God*

Reader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)  
*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**MISSION MOMENT**

Chris Peter, RUF Millersville

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*The Love of the Father*  
Josh & Katelyn FalkDISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP  
(ages 4–6 years old)**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:27-12:12 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, <sup>28</sup> and they said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup> Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me.” <sup>31</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>32</sup> But shall we say, ‘From man?’”—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. <sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

<sup>1</sup> And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup> And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

<sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?”

<sup>12</sup> And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

SERMON

***The Wicked Tenants & the Rightful Heir***

The Gospel of Mark series

Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **246**

*Man of Sorrows, What a Name*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
(4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## Song Lyrics

### **457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander— Lord, I feel it—  
prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

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### ***God So Loved***

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love (repeat bridge)

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us-

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting- God so loved the world

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### ***This Is Our God***

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave?  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came, and He died, and He rose, Those giants are dead now

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away?  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word, every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness, Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail, and He never will

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does- He saves us  
He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus  
Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus  
Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him

This is our God, this is who He is- He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does - He saves us

He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let Heaven and Earth proclaim: This is our God, King Jesus  
He bore the cross, beat the grave, Let Heaven and Earth proclaim:  
This is our God, King Jesus

### ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son,  
And make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,  
The father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders,  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## **246 *Man of Sorrows, What a Name***

Man of Sorrows! what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
“Full atonement!” can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
“It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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