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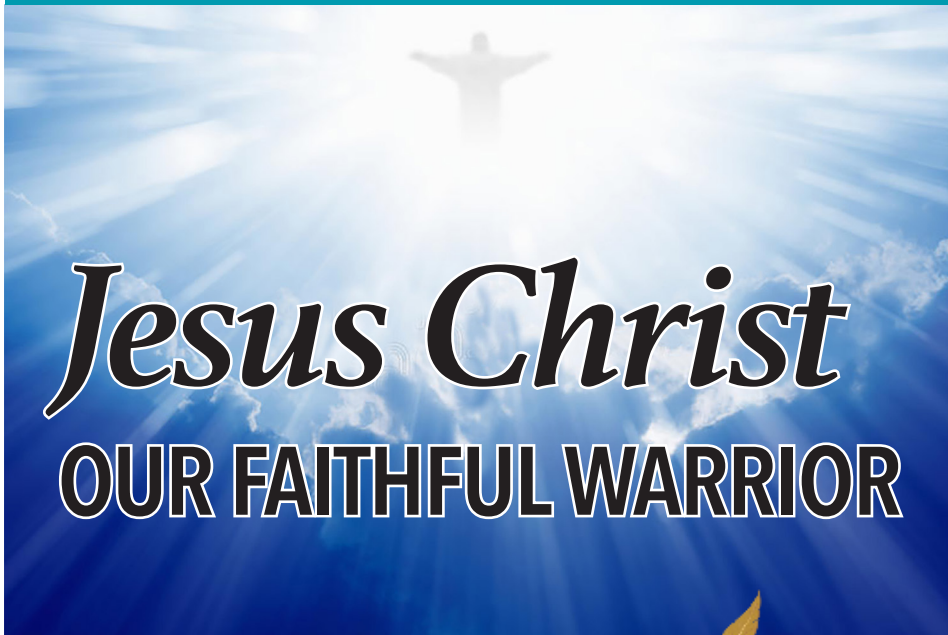
*"Be Transformed...By the renewing of your minds." - Romans 12:2 - NIV*

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## Jesus Christ OUR FAITHFUL WARRIOR

*your pastor writes*

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**G**reetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the readers of the *Parish Visitor!*

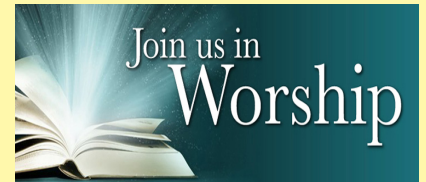
This month we continue in Revelation, chapter 19. We will be discussing Jesus Christ, our Faithful Warrior. I pray this message will be an encouragement for the times in which we live.

*Jesus Christ our Faithful Warrior, Rev. 19:11-16, originally given April 25, 2021, at CPC*

**Introduction: A New Revelation of Jesus Christ.** This morning, we will talk about a description of Jesus Christ that we rarely discuss.

From scripture, we know Jesus as the Bread of life. We know Jesus as the Light of the world, as the Good Shepherd, as the Lamb of God, and as the Prince of Peace. We also know Jesus Christ as our Bridegroom, as we discussed two weeks ago. These are all true descriptions of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Our doors are OPEN;  
We are GLAD  
to have you back!**

**A**fter more than a year of being away from our campus, unable to worship together in person due to the pandemic, Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood has re-opened for in-person worship services every Sunday at 11:00 AM.

**What a joy to welcome you back in our Sanctuary!**

In addition to the in-person worship, we continue to stream the service on Zoom for those unable to attend in-person.

The invitation for joining the service can be found at the events page on our website at [cpchollywood.org](http://cpchollywood.org).

You can send in your prayer requests PRIOR to the service via email to [sbaroldy@gmail.com](mailto:sbaroldy@gmail.com) or text at 323-202-5078.

**Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is an intentional, healing community; proclaiming and demonstrating the wholeness of life offered in JESUS CHRIST.**

**“In the beginning was the WORD,  
and the WORD was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.”**



Today, we will see another side of Jesus. This morning, we will see Jesus Christ as our Faithful Warrior. Our Faithful warrior!

Let me re-read Rev. 19:11. *“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.”* (Revelation 19:11, ESV)

Here, we see King Jesus sitting on a white horse. The horse is a symbol of war. In the first century, when a king rode a horse, he was riding to war. On the other hand, when a king rode a donkey, he was riding to peace.

We remember, on Palm Sunday, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem fulfilling the prophecy of Zec. 9:9-10, *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations . . .”* (Zechariah 9:9-10, ESV) So, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was riding into peace.

Yet, here, in Rev. 19:11, King Jesus rides a white horse. And, verse 19:11 says, *“and in righteousness he [King Jesus] judges and makes war.”* Here, King Jesus, sits on a white horse because he is riding into war. He is riding into battle.

War against whom you may ask? King Jesus rides into war against all who stand in rebellion against him. King Jesus, as our faithful Warrior, strikes down everyone, and everything who would harm his followers.

And here, let me ask. Have you ever thought of Jesus Christ as your Faithful Warrior? As the One who fights on your behalf? How does it feel to know that there is a Faithful Warrior who stands against all that would seek to harm you?

It feels good, doesn't it? It makes me feel more secure. And I

pray you will feel more secure by the end of the message. So, let's get into our text.

**Our Faithful Warrior is the Word of God.** Pastor Darrell Johnson proposes that John, through the Holy Spirit, is answering two questions in Rev. 19:11-21. First, why does Jesus win the battle spoken of in these verses. And, second, how does Jesus win the battle.<sup>1</sup> This morning we will talk about why Jesus wins the battle.

Our text contains many reasons why Jesus Christ wins this battle. Reasons why he wins this war against evil. Yet, I want to talk first about the reason the Holy Spirit highlighted for me this week.

John tells us in Rev. 19:13 that the One sitting on the horse is called “the Word of God.” One of King Jesus' titles is the “Word of God,” capital “W.”

Now, where else has the Apostle John written about the Word of God? John writes about the Word of God in his gospel. So, let's turn to the beginning of John's gospel. And let's read verses 1-5.

John writes, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men [and women]. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”* (John 1:1-5, ESV)

And, then, in John 1:14, we are told **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”** The Word in the gospel of John is Jesus Christ. And the Word of God in Rev. 19:13 is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ wins this battle because he is the Word of God.

In these opening verses of gospel of John, John gives us the attributes of the Word of God, who is Jesus Christ. First, John tells



us Jesus Christ is eternal. In the beginning, the Word already was. In the beginning the Word already was in existence.

Next, John tells us Jesus Christ **was** with God in the beginning. And to make sure there is no confusion, John tells us Jesus Christ is God. So, Jesus wins the battle in Revelation because Jesus Christ is eternal God. He is one of the three persons of our triune God.

These verses, in the gospel of John, also tell us Jesus Christ is Creator. John writes that all things were made through Jesus. All things, including the angel who became Satan, the dragon. All things, including the angels who became demons. All things, including those humans who are in rebellion against Jesus.

Jesus Christ wins the battle against evil because Jesus Christ is Creator. And creation cannot stand against the Creator. It is no contest. The outcome of the battle is not in question.

This is not a battle of equals. Jesus Christ spoke creation into existence. And, in Revelation, chapter 19, how does Jesus strike down his enemies? By speaking!

Next, these opening verses of the gospel of John tell us that Jesus Christ is both **"the life"** and **"the light"** of all people. Jesus Christ gives humanity both life and light, including the light of salvation.

In addition, we are told Jesus' light shines in the darkness. Jesus' light shines in the darkness of evil, the darkness of rebellion, and the darkness of chaos. And, we are told, this darkness has not, and cannot overcome Jesus' light.

Jesus wins the battle in Revelation, chapter 19, because his life, his light, and his salvation, is stronger than the darkness. Light always defeats darkness.

**Our Faithful Warrior wins the battle at the Cross.** Now, what is the greatest example of Jesus' light overcoming darkness? It's the Cross!

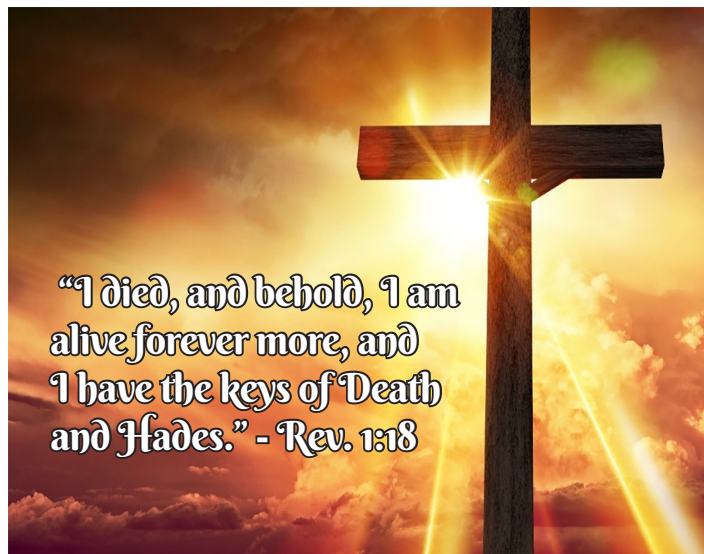
God the Father, and Jesus, the Son, allowed the darkness. They allowed Satan, his two beasts, and all the demonic horde, to throw everything they had at Jesus on his way to the Cross. These powers of darkness threw all their lies, all their hate, all their cruelty, and all their evil against Jesus, as he was unfairly tried, tortured and crucified. Jesus willingly took all this darkness upon himself, and then, he died.

The powers of darkness thought they had won. They thought they had overcome the Light. Yet, the moment Jesus died, Mat. 27:52 tells us tombs were opened. This is the first sign the darkness had not won.

And three days later, Jesus emerged from the darkness of death. Jesus arose from the grave, and proclaimed in Rev. 1:18, *"I died, and behold, I am alive forever more, and I have the keys of Death and Hades [or hell]."* Jesus wins this battle in Revelation, chapter 19, because he already won the battle at the Cross. Jesus took everything the darkness threw at him and he overcame it.

Our Lord Jesus conquered death. And he now has the keys, which means he has the authority, over Death and hell. Jesus rides into battle here in Revelation, chapter 19, to totally implement his victory. To defeat his enemies once and for all.

And, the good news for us, his followers, is we no longer need



to fear death or hell. We have been delivered from both by Jesus' death and resurrection. Praise God!

How do we follow our Faithful Warrior? Jesus Christ has already won the victory. So, how do we, as his followers, win our battles against darkness today? How do we implement Jesus' victory in our lives?

Again, Rev. 12:11, *"And they [Jesus' disciples] have conquered him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."* (Revelation 12:11, ESV)

We implement Jesus' victory in our lives by declaring Jesus' victory is our victory. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, capital "W," wins by speaking. We, his followers win by speaking the word of God, small "w." The word of God, the biblical text, is our weapon to implement Jesus' victory.

Using the sword of the Spirit, the word of God, we declare the blood of the Lamb has defeated Satan and the powers of darkness. We speak God's word and then we stand in God's word by faith. 1 John 5:4 says, *"And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."* (1 John 5:4, ESV) (P)

Our faith in Jesus' victory at the Cross; our faith in Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead; and our faith in the word of God; gives us victory in our war against all the powers of darkness. So, let me ask. Are you standing in faith? Are you declaring Jesus' victory in faith? The battle is won. Are you standing in Jesus' victory? Amen!

See you next month.

Pastor Steve

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<sup>1</sup> This line of reasoning is laid out by Darrell Johnson in his book, "Discipleship on the Edge, (Vancouver, B.C., Regent College Publishing, 2004), p. 324ff

# FARO DE LUZ Celebrates 24 Years

Congratulations to Faro de Luz on their 24th anniversary celebrated on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Pastors Ernesto and Juana Salguero celebrated their sixth anniversary serving the church. To God Be The Glory for the ministry of Faro de Luz.



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## In Memory of Jerry Yamamoto

**A slow Hand Salute to a great guy.....**

*(This tribute was given by Steve Mandel, Truth, Justice and the American Way, of Redondo Beach/South Bay Chapter 053, Vietnam Veterans of America.)*

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (English Standard Version)

Jerry Yamamoto, 77, passed away on July 19, 2021, in the San Fernando Valley.

Jerry Yamamoto joined Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood by Letter of Transfer from Pullman Presbyterian Church in Pullman, Washington, on Sunday, May 30, 1971 during the ministry of the Rev. Aron H. Sato.

Jerry Yamamoto was ordained as Deacon on January 2, 1972 by the Rev. Sato. He served one, three-year term from 1971 to 1974. He served on the worship committee.

Jerry was active in the Young Adults Fellowship. He enjoyed playing on the church sports teams in the Nisei Church League on the softball team, volleyball team, ping pong tournament champion, and in the bowling league.

Jerry was an officer in the SCYPCC (Southern California Young People's Christian Conference) and was in the SCYPCC Bowling League.

In 1973 when the Church celebrated its 50th anniversary (1923 to 1973). He handled publicity

when Leland Hayashi was chairman of the 50th anniversary committee.

Jerry Yamamoto was a Vietnam era veteran serving Permanent Party state side during his tour of duty as a social worker.

He then began working for the State of California and eventually for Fairview State Hospital as a social worker.

Jerry enjoyed volunteering his time with various veteran's groups such as being president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 053 Redondo Beach/South Bay for many years until he became ill.

Jerry enjoyed volunteering with Japanese-American veteran's groups such as Sadao Munemori Post 321 American Legion, the, Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council, the JACCC Memorial Court Alliance, and participated in Japanese-American Memorial Day events at Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights.

The church extends its deepest sympathy to Jerry's daughter, Jamie, and other family members.



## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.



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## FINANCIAL REPORT

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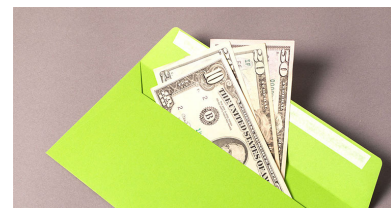


	<u>JUNE 2021</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 12,061	\$ 65,954
Disbursements	\$ 14,061	\$ 74,026
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## PRAYER Request

If you have prayer requests, you can send them via email or text PRIOR to our service each Sunday. My email is sbaroldy@gmail.com. You can text me at 323-202-5078.

## Gifts & Offering



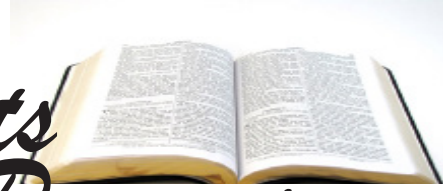
**T**he Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives. Amidst all the challenges, CPC is doing all we can to serve our church, to connect people to one another, and to connect all of us to God through our online worship.

We are grateful for your continued generosity in supporting our mission and NOW more than ever we need your help for us to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give hope to others.

Please consider sending a gift or donation to:

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4011 Clinton Street, Los Angeles, CA 90004

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Let us remember to keep in our prayers the church family and friends who are in need of God's healing touch: overall healing for Kimi Fujitani, Charles Ingram, Janet Nozaki, Frank Morimoto, Stella Kenner, Karen Koranye, Lashman Johal, Pastor Steve, Martin; healing of knee and wrist of Maria Cardenas and prayers for Marley, Hunter, Cousin Dari, and Aunt Laley; overall healing for Ron Jung; healing and God's blessings for Harumi Mayeda; strength to care for her Mom for Irene Mayeda; overall healing for Joan Janecek; healing of legs of Sherri Esaki; healing of back and leg pain for Yuri Sangen; healing of left foot and diabetes for Denise Albriton; overall healing and healing of cancer in nostril of Brian Albriton; prayers for Pastor Steve, his wife Simone and their daughters Nicole and Noelle and David and Alice; revival for CPC and neighborhood, our elders, Faro de Luz Church, outreach to community, unsaved relatives and friends, and protection against major disaster.

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