**Worship Service – Jan. 16, 2022**

**Welcome**

Welcome and good morning to you. I’m glad that you’ve joined this time of online worship. I pray that God’s loving presence will touch each one of you as you worship in your homes this morning. May God’s blessing rest upon you and your family as you face the challenges of the new year.

**Opening Prayer** – Sandi Porter

**Call to Worship**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.”

*(Psalm 92:1-2)*

**Hymn of Praise:** “Great is the Lord” (Celebration Hymnal #140, sung 2x)

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; no lift up you voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of prase.
Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

**Prayer of Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

while we were sinners

Christ died for us (*Rom. 5:8).*

In faith and penitence,

let us confess our sin

before God and one another.

God of all life and our lives,

we gather in worship week by week,

seeking your refreshing presence.

But we confess sometimes we are discouraged

by things happening around us.

We don’t expect your presence to make a difference for us.

Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled.

By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried,

and renew our trust in you.

**Words of Assurance**

Friends in Christ,

hear and believe the good news!

"If we confess our sins,

God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"*( I John 1:9).*

We may trust the mercy of God:

in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** “Cleanse me” (Celebration Hymnal #657, 4 verses)

Search me, O God, And know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, Know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be Some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin And set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, For cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word, And make me pure within.
Fill me with fire Where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire To magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, And make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart With Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, My passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord In me abide.

O Holy Ghost, Revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, Start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

**Pastoral Prayer**

O God,

Jesus brought the joy

into lives that needed hope and a new beginning.

We pray for all those who need a new beginning this year:

Individuals trying to make a new start,

Families trying to sort through difficulties,

Groups hoping to accomplish good things for others,

Refugees building new homes in a new land,

Students and teachers beginning a new semester,

Businesses and congregations trying to rebuild in uncertain times.

 *A brief silence is kept*

Show each one how much they matter to you,

and renew their courage and resolve to make a fresh start.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God,

Jesus changed water into wine

to show us that you can accomplish extraordinary things through ordinary lives.

We pray for all those volunteering their energy and concern

to make a difference for others in this community.

We pray for our elected leaders and for all government workers

trying to manage their responsibilities in such challenging times.

We pray for those working for justice,

raising awareness to problems in society and for the earth itself.

And we pray for one another

and for each good purpose we undertake with new resolve this year.

Give us a glimpse of how our hands become your hands, blessed by the Spirit.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God,

Jesus faced the suffering around him with compassion,

reaching out to those in pain and grief with healing and hope.

We remember before you those whose lives are wrapped in sorrow or despair,

and those facing tragic death or critical illness…

 *Keep silence for 15 seconds.*

We remember those rebuilding lives and communities after flooding and storm

and all those burdened by pain or problems that seem to have no end…

 *Keep silence for 15 seconds.*

Embrace each one with your comfort and courage,

and show us what we can offer to make a difference.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

O God in whom we live and move and have our being,

thank you for giving us the courage and commitment we need

to follow Christ in good times and in hard times.

Thank you for the strength we find together as part of your church

and the gifts you give us in each other,

gifts we can rely on as we plan for our ministry and mission

in these ever-changing times.

Help us trust in the promise of your love for us

and energize us with your Spirit

so that we can recognize the opportunities you give us

to live out the grace and mercy we know in Jesus Christ

who taught us to pray together:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.

**Scripture Lesson: John 2:1-12** – Akshat Regani

**Sermon:** He revealed his glory

**Prayer after the Sermon**

O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may use our varied gifts
to show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ. Amen.

**Hymn of Commitment:** “For I’m building a people of power” (Let’s Praise #37, sung 2x)

For I’m Building A People Of Power
And I’m Making A People Of Praise
That Will Move Through This Land By My Spirit
And Will Glorify My Precious Name

Build Your Church, Lord
Make Us Strong, Lord
Join Our Hearts, Lord, Through Your Son
Make Us One, Lord
In Your Body
In The Kingdom Of Your Son

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**Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you (2 Corinthians 13:13).