

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2019

Welcome to Worship! As we enter the new year, there can be a lot of uncertainty about what the future holds. Thanks be to God that He has given us His certain promise that we will live with him, so that we may live in our resurrection hope, whatever this new year may bring.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! Please join us again soon for worship and visit the Welcome Center in the entrance!

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THE PRELUDE "From God Can Nothing Move Me: - F.W. Marburg

THE OPENING HYMN: "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" Hymn 900

1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

2 Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.

3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."

4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n

Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

THE OPENING RESPONSES: Page 229

Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

THE PSALM: (We speak responsively from Psalm 90:1-12)

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

L: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

L: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

C: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

L: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you; our secret sins in the light of your presence.

L: For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

L: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 30:15-17 (page 591)

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:5-10 (page 1021)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:35-40 (Page 871)

[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMON RESPONSORY: Page 230

L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

THE HYMN: “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

Hymn 899

- 1 Across the sky the shades of night
This New Year’s Eve are fleeting.
We deck Your altar, Lord, with light,
In solemn worship meeting;
And as the year’s last hours go by,
We raise to You our earnest cry,
Once more Your love entreating.

- 2 Before the cross subdued we bow,
To You our prayer addressing,
Recounting all Your mercies now,
And all our sins confessing;
Beseeching You this coming year
To keep us in Your faith and fear
And crown us with Your blessing.

3 We gather up in this brief hour
The mem'ry of Your mercies:
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow'r
Our grateful song rehearses;
For You have been our strength and stay
In many_a dark and dreary day
Of sorrow and reverses.

4 We now remember, as we pray,
Our dear ones in Your caring
Who brightly shine in endless day,
Past death and all despairing.
At our life's end, Lord, as Your own,
Bring us with them around Your throne,
The joys of heaven sharing.

5 Then, gracious God, in years to come,
We pray Your hand may guide us,
And, onward through our journey home,
Your mercy walk beside us
Until at last our ransomed life
Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
When heav'n itself shall hide us.

THE SERMON: "Changing Year, Unchanging God"

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

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**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

THE 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECTS

THE BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn 733

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

THE POSTLUDE: "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" - Kermit Moldenhauer

Preacher: Vicar Ronchetto **Liturgist:** Pastor Bloch **Lector:** Pastor Rodriguez
Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Soloist:** Addison Bumbleburg

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