

January 16, 2022  
Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*Prelude in Classic Style*  
Gordon Young  
Suk Choi, Organist

**Welcome**

**Pastor Jim**

**Call to Worship**

*(Please stand if able.)*

**Pastor Jim**

**Leader:** God is with God's people. God dwells in their midst. Listen and hear God speak.

**People:** *Our hearts long for God's word. We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.*

**Leader:** God is our help and our support. God's Spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**People:** *With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon God. The Lord is our hope and our salvation.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Jim**

God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and fro, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Hymns of Praise**  
*(Please stand if able.)*

***Build Your Kingdom Here***  
**Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson,**  
**& William Herron**  
**Michael Smith**

***Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us***

***We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church We pray revive this earth***

***Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray***

***Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church We are the hope on earth***

***Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray***

## **Cornerstone**

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin,  
Rueben Morgan, & William Batchelder Bradbury

***My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name***

***Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all***

***When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil***

***Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all***

***When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne***

***Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all***

***Christ alone He is Lord, Lord of all***

## **Invitation to the Prayer of Confession**

**Mark Imfeld**

We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world, and the sin and despair in our hearts, threaten to consume us as a mighty flood. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Mark Imfeld**

*Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on "the way it's always been" and prepare us for the joy of "the way it still can be." Forgive us Lord, as we confess our brokenness before you now.*

**Silent Prayer.**

**Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Mark Imfeld**

Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark! His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

## **Response of Thanksgiving**

*(Please stand if able.)*

***Gloria Patri***

**Judy Ruddiman**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.***

## **Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ**

**Pastor Anette**

## **Time For Young Disciples**

**C.M. Hourigan**

## **Prayer Song**

***God is always near me,  
God will always hear me,  
When I pray.***

<sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

**Hymn of Preparation**

*(Please stand if able.)*

***Wonderful Words of Life***

**Philip P. Bliss  
Judy Ruddiman**

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

**Second Lesson****Mark 4: 1 - 9****Pastor Jim**

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

**Sermon*****A Seed and a Journey of Faith*****Pastor Jim****Time of Reflection****Blessing of Tithes and Offerings****Pastor Anette**

**Offertory**

***What a Beautiful Name***  
**Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood**  
**Michael Smith**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus  
What a beautiful Name it is the Name of Jesus

## Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen*

## Hymn of Response

*(Please stand if able.)*

*Draw Me Nearer*  
Fanny J. Crosby  
Judy Ruddiman

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

## Charge and Benediction

Pastor Jim

## Choral Response

*(Please remain seated during the Choral Response.)*

*Prayer for the Road*  
Judy Ruddiman

*May we be blessed as we go on our way.  
May we be kept in safety and love.  
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,  
May this be our blessing, Amen.  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen.*

## Postlude

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
African-American Spiritual  
Suk Choi