

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

***Offertory Prayer**

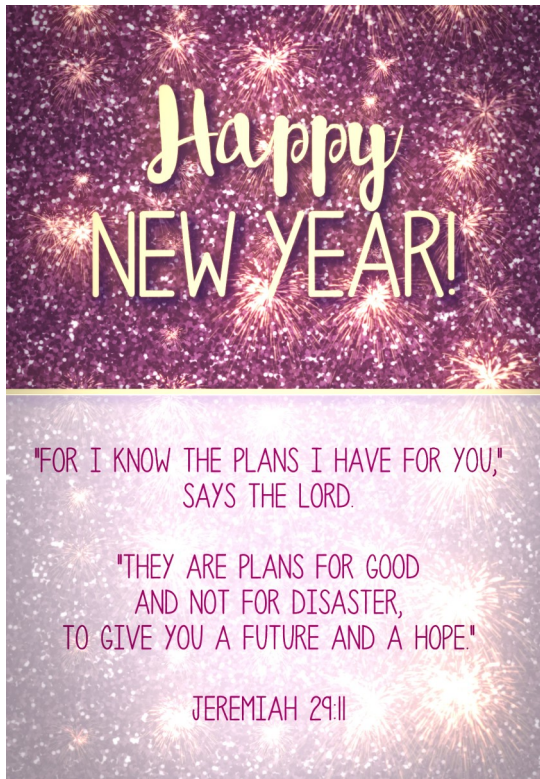
Our Great God, Source of new life, we thank you for sending a Savior to our world. We believe you work through him to recreate us. Use these tithes and offerings to proclaim the good news of this new life, so others will find hope and fulfillment in him. We pray in his name. Amen.

***Closing Song** "Mighty to Save"

Benediction

The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us. Alleluia. Amen.

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**Order of Worship
January 3, 2021**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

1. We offer live-streaming worship on both Facebook and YouTube at the same time. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook, and then we will know you are with us.
2. Pastor. Peter will be praying for you and your family as a new-year start. Please send prayer requests for 2021 to the church office or Pastor Peter's email [@peterchoiminden@gmail.com](mailto:peterchoiminden@gmail.com). He will hold your prayers in the sanctuary for the whole year.
3. Our church leaders for 2021 will be recognized and blessed for the worship, January 17. After the worship, the pastor. Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2021.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$4,963. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

***Call to Worship**

L: Come to the Light that God has sent into our world.

P: Let Light flood our hearts and lives.

L: The Light is meant for all the world.

P: We receive the Light that we might share it with others.

L: Let us worship the God who has so graciously blessed us.

P: We praise and adore our God of Light.

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we are here to worship because Jesus has come to serve as the light and hope of our world. May we have open eyes to see our Lord. May we have open ears to hear his words. May we have open hearts to receive all that he has for us. May we have ready hands to join in his world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Congregational Prayer

*Opening Song "Hallelujah! Your Love is Amazing"

Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

Scriptures

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

John 1:10-18 (NIV)

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Tony Ratka

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt (healing from Surgery), Roger Erickson (Phyllis Burnham's brother) (Covid), Virginia Madsen (healing), Christy (healing), Julie Ratka's Aunt (covid), Marjorie Hultquist (healing), Maxine Grams (healing), and Lori Conyers's Parents (healing).

Happy Birthday to Dick McBride, Rita Smith, Steven Favinger, Edna Carlson, and LeaAnn Runcie.

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Jodi Boudreau—32 years.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer