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Communion

New Year's Day

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Hymn VU #879 – “The Race That Long in Darkness Pined”

Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. AMEN

* Hymn VU #82 – “A Light is Gleaming”

Prayer of Approach

Loving God maker of heaven and earth we join together this morning to give you praise. You are eternal with no beginning or end, you made us, and you are working your purposes out in our world and our lives. We praise you in this New Year. We praise you that whatever the future holds, we know that you will be with us throughout it all. We praise you for Jesus Christ. We have celebrated at Christmas that you became one of us, you pitched your tent in our neighborhood; you live amongst us and showed us your great love and mercy, you gave your life for ours paying the price for all we have done wrong, and in being raised to life again, have given us fresh beginnings and new life in you. We look forward this New Year, as You renew us in Your love, in Christ's name we pray. AMEN

* Hymn – “Turn, Turn, Turn” (words on screen)

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading – Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13
Revelation 21: 1-6a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “It's a new dawn. It's a new day. It's a new life.”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Renew Us”

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Celebration of Communion

One: Keeper of our days, we are grateful...

... through a sacred communing with all of creation.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

One: You are Holy, Almighty One!...

... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

One: As we enter this New Year...

... Jesus taught us.....Our Father... AMEN

Post-Communion Prayer

There is a time and a season for everything: a time to gather together and a time to depart. A time to make promises and a time to bring those promises to life. A time to receive and a time to share what we have received. Loving God as we enter this new year we thank you that we are nourished at Your table, that we are Your people, energize us to live as Your people throughout the whole year. AMEN

* Hymn VU #87 – “I Am the Light of the World”

* Benediction / Response (MV #211)

**Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
So you may be nourished by the Word of Life.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister

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Laura Steidl, Music Director

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