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**"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.**

**Before the service, speak to God.**

**During the service, let God speak to you.**

**"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available."**



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Our Vision

***Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church***

The 4 Essentials

***Personal Growth, Building Community,  
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

“Love the LORD, all His faithful people!

The LORD preserves those who are true to Him,  
but the proud He pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the LORD.”

*Psalm 31:23-24, NIV*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

L: As we stand at the brink of another new year, we thank God for what has passed.

**P: *For blessings and opportunities to be thankful;  
For trials to challenge us to trust in Him even more.***

L: As we stand at the brink of another new year, we place our hope in God.

**P: *Hope that we will love Him ever more deeply;  
Hope that we will abide in Him ever more closely;  
Hope that we will follow after Him ever more faithfully;  
Hope that we will serve Him ever more diligently and joyfully.***

L: Come, let us worship God with praise and joy, with thanksgiving in our hearts.

**P: *We rejoice over the steadfast love and faithfulness of God which never ceases.  
Amen.***

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In Whom this world rejoices  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us still in grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was, is now  
And shall be evermore

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## **A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Heavenly Father, thank You for being present with us. When the pressures of life took their toll on us, Your love held us. When our hopes were dashed, Your love gave us encouragement. When our faith were paper thin, when we felt defeated by life, Your love healed us and made us whole again. Loving God, as the years change, help us find rest in Your eternal changelessness. Help us to meet this new year in the faith that, while life changes all around us, You are always the same, guiding us with Your wisdom and protecting us with Your love. Whatever that may come in the new year, help us to abide with You. Amen.

## **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more *(repeat)*

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield *(repeat)*

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee *(repeat)*

*CCLI Song #1448*

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Lamentations 3:19-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Looking Back to Look Forward

Rev Shearn Sya

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **A COVENANT PRAYER**

I am no longer my own, but Yours.

Put me to what You will, put me alongside whom You will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You,  
exalted for You or brought low for You.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and wholeheartedly surrender all things to Your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O Glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be confirmed in heaven. Amen.

## **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**



## **Tonight's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

<b>Sermon Title/Text</b>	Looking Back to Look Forward <i>(Lamentations 3:19-26)</i>
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Shearn Sya
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mrs Florence Oon
<b>Reader</b>	Mr Ryan Loke
<b>Musician</b>	Mr Daniel Khoo
<b>Sound</b>	Ms Roshni George
<b>Visual</b>	Mr Calvin Fong
<b>Usher</b>	Mrs Sally Loh