



Watchnight Covenant Service

December 31, 2023

***"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 at the fellowship area."***



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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**

“The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

*Deuteronomy 31:8, NIV*

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

L: Let us worship God, Who has done great things throughout history.

**P: We rejoice in our God, Who has helped us navigate through the years.**

L: Let us worship God, Who has caused streams of mercy to flow through the wastelands.

**P: We rejoice in our God, Who has reconciled us through Christ.**

L: Let us worship God, Who has made a way for us.

**P: We rejoice in our God, Who is with us wherever we go. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

O God, our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home!

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

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone  
And our defence is sure

Time, like an ever-rolling stream  
Bears all who breathe away  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting, Thou art God  
To endless years the same

O God, our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last  
And our eternal home

**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.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone

O strengthen me, that while I stand  
Firm on the rock, and strong in Thee  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers with the troubled sea

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart

And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord  
Until my very heart overflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show

O use me, Lord, use even me  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where  
Until Thy blessed face I see  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 6:15-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

We Are not Our Own

Rev Hwa Jen

**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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **\*CLOSING SONG**

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

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

O the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God  
I commune as friend with friend!

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**



### **Tonight's WORSHIP ENABLERS**

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Sermon Title/Text</b> | We Are not Our Own ( <i>Romans 6:15-23</i> ) |
| <b>Preacher</b>          | Rev Hwa Jen                                  |
| <b>Liturgist</b>         | Mrs Angela Khong                             |
| <b>Reader</b>            | Ms Vanessa Goh                               |
| <b>Musician</b>          | TBA  |
| <b>Sound</b>             | Mr Jesse Ong                                 |
| <b>Visual</b>            | Mr Calvin Fong                               |
| <b>Streaming</b>         | Ms Wong Fong Yi                              |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Mrs Connie Lim, Ms Sally Koay                |