



Every good and perfect gift is from above —James 1:17

DECEMBER 31, 2022-JANUARY 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP: PREPARING FOR 2023

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

❖ *"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.*

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever." - Neil Gaiman, Author

❖ *"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."* - C.S. Lewis, Author

THE LIGHT OF A NEW YEAR

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We have come from everywhere to prepare for a New Year.

People: We have come seeking rest and renewal as we enter the New Year.

Leader: We have come with burdens, and questions, and failures from the year past.

People: We have come seeking a new start.

Leader: We have come seeking peace in a world of strife and conflict.

People: We hope for something new in the time ahead.

Leader: Mostly we have come to ask You Lord to travel with us into this New Year.

People: May we enter this New Year in faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: *One Brick at a Time – vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6*
(music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

All: Divine Companion, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises. Sometimes we cling to the way it used to be. Other times we fling ourselves at anything new and lose the gifts of past tradition.

Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE: *At the Door of the Year – vs. 1 and 3*
*(music at end of bulletin)***

SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 13:52*

As Matthew tells the story of Jesus life, a section of parables, or stories, about the kingdom of heaven was just completed, now Jesus addresses His disciples, comparing them to scribes or writers, who use their present and past experiences in their writings.

And Jesus said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

MEDITATION

HYMN: *Wise Men Come Journeying – v. 1 (music at end of bulletin)*

SCRIPTURE READING: *John 13:12-17*

As John tells the story of Jesus life, this takes place in a Jerusalem house where Jesus shares what becomes His last meal with His disciples before His death. He begins by doing the action of a host’s servant, washing the feet of the guests, whose feet were filled with dust and grime from walking.

After Jesus had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants* are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

MEDITATION

HYMN: *Wise Men Come Journeying – v. 2 (music at end of bulletin)*

SCRIPTURE READING:***Mark 3:1-5***

This takes place in a Jewish worship place, a synagogue, on their day of worship, the sabbath. Jesus encounters a man with a crippled or withered hand and heals him. By so doing He shows His compassion and concern for humanity despite what Jewish teaching may suggest be done on the sabbath.

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

MEDITATION**HYMN: *Wise Men Come Journeying – v. 3 (music at end of bulletin)*****SCRIPTURE READING:*****Mark 10:23-30***

Jesus has just told a rich man to sell what he has and join Him. He follows that with this exchange involving His disciples who were following Him. Jesus suggests it is not their action but what God does which saves a person.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is* to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another,* 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,* who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

MEDITATION**HYMN: *Wise Men Come Journeying – v. 4 (music at end of bulletin)*****P:** In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.**C:** But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**THE PRAYERS**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT :

Leader: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untraveled, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out into this New Year with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

THE SENDING SONG: *Bring in Your New World – vs. 1, 3 & 4*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go into the New Year in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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One Brick At A Time

1. We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time.

(chorus)

4. We hear the cries of the earth.
We feel the pain of the poor.
We challenge the systems of greed and war,
Building a new world one brick at a time.

(chorus)

5. What we do might seem small
And we may never know.
The smallest things when done with love
Multiply and grow one brick at a time.

(chorus)

6. We lay one brick at a time.
We take one step at a time.
A revolution of the heart
Building a new world one brick at a time,

Chorus

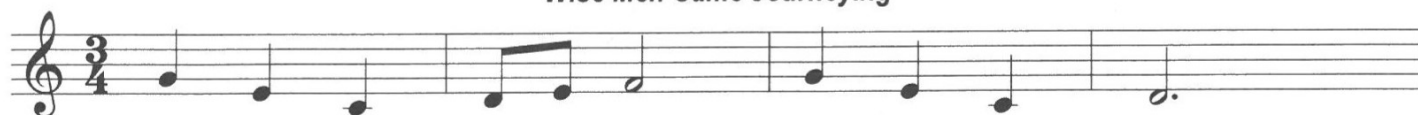
The old world falls a - part_ to make way_ for the
new. Don't be a - fraid and don't lose heart.
Love is break - ing through.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the chorus. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for 'The old world falls a - part_ to make way_ for the'. The second staff continues the melody with 'new. Don't be a - fraid and don't lose heart.' and includes a 2/4 time signature change. The third staff is in 2/4 time and contains the melody for 'Love is break - ing through.'.

At the Door of the Year - verses 1 & 3

1. At the door of the year when the past meets the
3. In the smile that we smile, in the hands held in
fu - ture, let the mo - ment be light for the
wel - come, in the catch - ing of joy like a
roads we will tread; when the clock seems too
child's bright bal - loon; let the col - ors of
fast or goes slow - ly with - in us, let our
peace spread as far as the rain - bow arch - ing
faith tell the time - there are good things a - head.
o - ver - an earth where we all sing in tune.
Wel - come in, this new year, wel - come in, hope - ful
peo - ple! (Make a vow that some - how
we will all cre - ate peace!) Sing tag last time.

Wise Men Came Journeying



1. Wise men came jour-ney-ing, once, long a-go,
2. Wise are the trav-el-ers led to move on
3. Wise are each one of us look-ing for change,
4. Wise ones keep jour-ney-ing all through their days,



cam-el hooves swirl-ing the sand dune and snow,
fol-low-ing signs where the Christ light has shone,
star-gaz-er peo-ple, re-spect-ing the strange,
bring-ing their gifts to the source of their praise,



gold in the sad-dle-bag, myrrh in the jar,
fac-ing the des-erts and cross-ing the lines,
in-ner and out-er worlds o-pen to light,
risk-ing the Prom-ise with all they hold dear,



in-cense to hon-or the Child of the star.
heed-ing no lim-its that cul-ture de-fines.
cen-tered on see-ing the real and the right.
seek-ing God's peace at the door of the year.

Bring in Your New World

1. Bring in your new world, child of the sun,
3. Bring in your new world, child of all time,
4. Bring in your new world, child of our earth,

God's shin - ing pres - ence, bright in your es - sence,
peace with - out bor - der, peace the new or - der,
hold - ing cre - a - tion in your com - pas - sion,

Christ - mas be - gun; bring to our sad world
li - on with lamb; come in the heal - ing,
wait - ing your birth; come lit - tle hu - man,

light and de - light, sing - ing and laugh - ter,
shar - ing of bread, jus - tice and free - dom,
cry your first breath, cry out God's kind - ness,

hope as our shel - ter, stars to our night.
signs of the king - dom, ev - 'ry - one fed.
light out of blind - ness, life out of death.

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