

Our New Future
Rev. 21:1-6

Getting Started

- ❖ In the sermon, Jerry revealed to us a vision slogan or short phrase that condenses the fuller vision statement. Do you remember it?
- ❖ The full vision statement is below. Read it together and then share with each other your initial impressions. What resonates the most with you? What do you think will be the most exciting aspect of the vision if successfully accomplished? What element do you think will be most difficult to see accomplished?

Recognizing that we are a church of broken people being restored by the gospel of Jesus Christ, by our 50th anniversary in 2028, we will equip and motivate our church members to bring gospel restoration to at least one friend or neighbor and we will help plant 50 new churches in our community and around the world.

This vision will be successfully completed when:

- ❖ 50 Adult members lead someone to Christ and into discipleship
- ❖ 50 of our children are led to Christ by their Parents
- ❖ 50 people have the brokenness of their life restored through our church
- ❖ 50 new churches are planted with at least 3-5 of those churches being planted in our own backyard

Digging Deeper

- ❖ Read Psalm 102:25-26; Isa. 65:17; Luke 21:33; Heb. 1:10-12. How do these verses support or further explain this week's sermon text?
- ❖ Read the sermon text and discuss the following:
 - How is the New Jerusalem described? Why is this description significant?
 - Read John 4:13-14 and 7:37-38. What do these words of Jesus have to do with the "water of life" mentioned in Rev. 21:6
 - Read Ezekiel 37:27. How do you envision God's dwelling with us? How does His interactions with his people throughout all time inform us?
 - What in your life illustrates God's renewing work?

Think About It!

If our Mission is a compass that gives direction to our church, our Vision describes the destination and tells us whether we have arrived or not. A good vision encourages us to press on with the Mission because it paints a picture of a better tomorrow. (Pastor Jerry)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 28, 2019 | Second Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SONGS

CORNERSTONE

Words by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote / Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Will Bradberry, 2011

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood
and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his
unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, may I then
in him be found. Dressed in his righteousness alone;
faultless, stand before the throne.

BECAUSE HE LIVES, AMEN

Words and Music by William J. Gaither, Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Maher and Jason Ingram, 2014

I believe in the Son. I believe in the risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

*Amen, amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives.
Amen, amen. Let my song join the one
that never ends because he lives!*

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name; he rolled the stone away!

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives,
every fear is gone. I know he holds my life;
my future is in his hands.

ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2017

Father of unfailing love,
Your grace and goodness are enough.
Each day I wake to mercies, new.
My heart is filled with gratitude.

No matter heights or valleys, low, I know that I can say

*Let all that is within me bless Your name,
every broken part, every breath I take.
All that is within, all I've been through;
Shepherd of my soul, I can sing to You with all that is within me.*

Every tear, every fear, I don't face them on my own.
Every load, every road of this journey I've been on.
All the joy, all the pain, all that comes my way
I bring to You, I bring to You.

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Words and Music by Brandon Coker, Adam Kersh, Paul Taylor Smith and Heath Balltzglier, 2015

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin; lost without hope with
no place to begin. Your love made a way to let mercy come in
when death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains. My orphan heart was
given a name. My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance
when death was arrested and my life began.

*Oh, Your grace so free washes over me. You have made me new,
now life begins in You. It's your endless love pour down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.*

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more. My shame
was a ransom He faithfully bore. He cancelled my debt and He
called me His friend, when death was arrested and my life began.

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross; darkness rejoiced as
though Heaven had lost. But, then Jesus arose with our freedom
in hand, that's when death was arrested and my life began.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 117; Isaiah 43:8-13; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-7
MONDAY | Ps. 145; Daniel 1:1-21; 1 John 1:1-10; John 17:1-11
TUESDAY | Ps. 116; Daniel 2:1-16; 1 John 2:1-11; John 17:12-19
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 9; Daniel 2:17-30; 1 John 2:12-17; John 17:20-26
THURSDAY | Ps. 113; Daniel 2:31-49; 1 John 2:18-29; Luke 3:1-14
FRIDAY | Ps. 49; Daniel 3:1-18; 1 John 3:1-10; Luke 3:15-22
SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Daniel 3:19-30; 1 John 3:11-18; Luke 4:1-13

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, we are grateful that you are present among your
people; that you have given us the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate
and Teacher. Help us to forgive others as we have been forgiven.
As with Thomas, remove our doubts and fears and grant us peace.
Give us faith to believe in what we do not see; that we may have
life in your name. Amen.



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