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# The NEW to Come

Christmas | Epiphany 2021

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**Sunday, January 24, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**“A NEW TEACHING: COMING THROUGH CAPTIVITY”**

**THE NEW TO COME Worship Series**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Moment**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Here I Am Lord”**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky*

*I have heard my people cry*

*All who dwell in dark and sin*

*My hand will save*

*I who made the stars of night*

*I will make their darkness bright*

*Who will bear my light to them?*

*Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord*

*Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night*

*I will go, Lord*

*If You lead me*

*I will hold Your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame*

*I will tend the poor and lame*

*I will set a feast for them*

*My hand will save*

*Finest bread I will provide*

*'Til their hearts be satisfied*

*I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
I will hold Your people in my heart*

**Opening Prayer**

*O God,  
We feel the movement of your Spirit making all things new.  
Awake us to your presence in this moment  
As we seek Christ in our midst:  
Let us recognize God-with-us,  
A light to the nations, your glory revealed.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**Reading of Scripture** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Mark 1:21-28

**One:** God is still speaking.

**Many:** We are listening. Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

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**Hymn**

***"We Are God's People"***

*We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transparently  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*

*We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return  
The gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.*

*We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family,  
Diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall his work on earth be done.*

*We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own  
Each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on  
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Offering**

Prayer of Dedication  
*God of Vision,  
Take these offerings of resources  
and turn them into vision;  
vision of all people fed,  
vision of all people safe,  
vision of all people housed,  
vision of all people educated. Amen.*

## **News of the Community**

### **Hymn**

#### ***"We Shall Overcome"***

*We shall overcome, we shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day*

*The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through  
The lord will see us through some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
The Lord will see us some day*

*We're on to victory, we're on to victory  
We're on to victory some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We're on to victory some day*

*We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We'll walk hand in hand some day*

*We are not afraid, we are not afraid  
We are not afraid today  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We are not afraid today*

*The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free  
The truth shall make us free some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
The truth shall make us free some day*

*We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall live in peace some day*

**Benediction and Charge**

*Send us into the world refreshed in hope,  
Awake, alert,  
attuned to your presence  
ready to join your work of blessing for all.*

**Annual Meeting on Zoom**