

January 21, 2021

Dear Friends,

**Sunday Worship Gathering at 11 a.m.**

Matt Bellefeuille will be our speaker this Sunday – all the way from Scotland, thanks to the wonders of technology! His message, *Seeing by the Light of God's Word*, is the third in our *Seeing in the Dark* series. Matt offers us this taste of what's in store:

"One morning Israel gathered around to hear the reading of God's word, with interpretive explanations given from religious leaders. How did they respond? Wirth awe? Prayer? Singing and dancing? What happened next is not quite what we'd expect! This Sunday we'll continue our series on *Seeing Through the Dark* and consider what it means for 'God's word to be a lamp to our feet'. I'm excited to spend time with you all."

[Join the 11 a.m. livestream service here.](#)

When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage.

From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

Here are Sunday's worship songs with lyrics linked:

[Mighty to Save](#)

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#)

[Ancient Words](#)

[Psalm 130 \(I Wait\)](#)

[Holy is the Lord](#)

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

**Encouragement from Pastor Abe**

Since the beginning of this year, our church has started a seven-week sermon series entitled *Seeing in the Dark*. In the dark time, I want to encourage each one of you to keep your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us turn our eyes to a dark time recorded in Scripture:

On that day, "it was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining..." Then, "Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' (and) he breathed his last." When Joseph asked for Jesus' body, took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth, placed it in his own tomb, and sealed the tomb, I think everybody can agree that this period was the darkest time for Christ's disciples. But, His story did not stop here – the darkness was dispelled three days later! Similarly, brothers and sisters, the dark time we are experiencing will be dispelled by our Lord. The Lord is faithful as the universe faithfully runs according to the rules that He created. Hence, let us keep our faith and wait upon our Lord.

**Tuesday Prayer Meeting**

Our prayer team and Pastor Abe meet weekly to bring the needs of our community before the Lord.

[Click here](#) to send in your prayer requests.

**Wake Up the World Conference**

Sunnyside is privileged again this year to host this vibrant, worshipful conference for young adults, ages 18-30. It will be held March 4 – 6 on the theme *If I told you my story...* Speakers include Jon Ruby from Union City Church, Registered Psychotherapist Laura D'Amico, and our own Aaron Friesen. Early bird tickets for \$30 are available through January 31. [Go here](#) for more info and to register. Spread the word!

**Connecting with God's Word**

Since we're focusing on the vital role of God's Word in our lives as believers, it's a good time to consider how we can re-engage with regular Bible reading. There are many good plans, including the [Daily Lectionary](#), the Canadian Bible Society's [Daily Bible Reading Guide](#) and the [One Year Bible](#).

Years ago, a friend was deep into the thick of raising six-month old twins. She found that the best she could manage was to leave her Bible open on her kitchen counter and read a few verses a day. And amidst the diapers and drool, bottles, bibs, and baggy eyes, God met her there! Whatever your circumstances are, as Pastor Abe reminded us, "The Lord is faithful."

Blessings,

Beth Fleming (for the whole team)