

January 28, 2022

Dear Friends,

Sunday Worship Gathering at 11 a.m.

Paul Racine will open God's Word to us in his message titled, *Never Too Young (but you can be too old)*. This will be the fourth installment in our *Seeing in the Dark* series. Paul offers this tidbit to whet our appetites:

"Jeremiah calls out to the Lord that he is just a child and cannot possibly be used by the Lord to do the ministry and meet the needs of God's people. But the Lord is clear with him that those He calls are never too young! Jesus talked about us coming before Him with the faith of a child. So, what is it we really need? This Sunday we will take a look at what it means to have childlike faith and never grow so old that we stop believing that our God is able to do far more than all we can ask or imagine, especially in the dark!"

We will also take Communion together, so you are encouraged to have your own bread and juice ready.

[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:

[You Are Holy \(Prince Of Peace\)](#)

[Victory in Jesus](#)

[Here I Am to Worship](#)

[Lead Me to the Cross](#)

[Yes I Will](#)

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

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

Encouragement from Pastor Abe

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Luke 4:21-30, the people in the synagogue were like those who sit in darkness, for they had been waiting for their religiously pre-defined Messiah to overthrow Rome. When the light of Jesus' words, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing," shone on them, they "all spoke well of him" and they "were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips." But when they experienced adversity (in this case, the Lord's hard teaching), they decided to "throw him off the cliff."

Likewise, many of us may feel that we are in the darkness. We have been waiting for the Lord to do away with our adversities, hardships, struggles, pain, and even COVID. We earnestly hope for the Lord to perform miracles to get us back to our normal life. We may feel disappointed when things don't change in the way we had hoped. It seems the Lord continuously allows hard times. What are we going to do? Are we going to "throw him off the cliff?" Or maybe, just maybe, we will confess as Peter did: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Trials will always be part of our lives on this earth. How we react to them demonstrates who we believe Jesus to be.

Two Services Starting February 20

We will move back to two services at 9 and 11 AM, with Sunday school, starting February 20. You will still be able to catch the 11:00 service via livestream.

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!

What a Day That Will Be

These lines from [the wonderful hymn](#) are a beautiful reminder of our "hope of glory":

*What a day that will be,
When my Jesus I shall see,
And I look upon His face,
The One who saved me by His grace;
When He takes me by the hand,
And leads me through the Promised Land,
What a day, glorious day that will be.*

Blessings,

Beth Fleming (for the whole team)