

**April 3, 2022**    Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b–14 John 12:1–8

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, everyone!  
Join together in worship.

For what has been, is no longer.  
and what is now, may bring a new beginning.  
**May God open our hearts to hear his word so it may dwell within us.**  
**Praise be to our God of all.**

**SONG 1: Psalm 126** <https://youtu.be/uZ8ZS88TX1M>

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of the new dawn, **shine on us today.**  
God of the cool breeze, **move us today.**  
God of the flowing waters, **refresh us today.**  
God of the flourishing creation, **grow our hearts today.**  
God of peace, **settle in us today.**  
**For we long to be your people**  
**and learn your ways throughout our days.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 - Those who are in Christ Jesus are a new creation;  
everything old has passed away; see, the new has come!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**Bible Reading:** John 12:1–8. & **KIDS TALK** – Pat

**Bible Reading:** Philippians 3:4b–14 & **SERMON**- Michael

**SONG 2: New Wine** <https://youtu.be/cZyHDrvCQQ8>

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

These small gifts we offer add to the wider renewal happening each moment in God's realm. Let us give with genuine care.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of such generosity, we offer these gifts as part of the wider gift of our lives. Use our being and living to bring about new things that offer life and depth to your realm. May we be bringers of hope today and in days to come, through all that we are and in all that we do. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Weeping One, we hear the sorrowing of so many.

Lives lost, homes destroyed, forests burnt, extinction imminent, mountains erupt. God of the sorrowing, we ache with you.

Lonely One, whose friends turned away,

We see the isolated, the set-aside, the imprisoned, the abused. God of the lonely, we stay with you.

Angry One, who sees injustice and violence;

environmental devastation, denigration and manipulation, lies, threats, domination. God of righteous anger, we rage with you for respect, justice, and equality.

Aching One, who mourns what is not shining in the light of what can be.

Desecration of beauty, poverty in times of plenty,

hurt in the midst of love, fear in the space of hope, lies in the centre of truth, meanness in the choice of care, disbelief at the heart of faith.

God of the aching heart, we mourn with you. For in you, we see their face

**SONG 3:In Christ alone** <https://youtu.be/uZ8ZS88TX1M>

## **COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

People of faith,

watch for the new thing that God is doing.

See what is here and now. Hear with sensitivity.

Love with deep care. Be the person God calls you to be.

Move forward with hope, for there is so much more than we will ever

understand. Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer God is in us, around us and

before us. Let us go out with joy as we watch for the new thing God is doing.