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With Sunny Place Church of God

February, 2022

Majesty, Glory and Splendor

Majesty is a quality that takes your breath away. It is awesome and awe-inspiring. This is the way I felt when I saw the Grand Canyon for the first time. It continued to the horizon and beyond. Then I wondered, how could this canyon have been carved out of land? The only conclusion I could draw was the Grand Canyon was created by God. It is one of His invisible qualities clearly seen.

When we think about majesty, other words or images come to mind such as royalty, a king or the length of time a king reigns. Being powerful, having authority, superiority, and sovereignty also describe the qualities of a majestic person. These words describe the Divine Nature of our Living God.

His Majesty is described many ways in the Holy Bible. God is Majestic in power (Exodus 15:6) Majestic in Holiness (Exodus 15:1) How Majestic is your name (Psalm 8) and He thunders with his Majestic voice (Job 37:4) When we embrace the Majesty of God, He can take our breath away.

Majestic in power, God has all authority over heaven and earth. His miracles are the evidence of His power. They speak loudly over the clutter of the noise we hear every day. "Sovereign LORD, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?" Deuteronomy 3:24 Doing the impossible is God's plan. He is the Sovereign LORD. As Biblical examples of His power, He chose to create the universe; galaxies, earth and everything on

earth and set it all in motion according to His plan of harmony and order. Who else could fulfill a promise made to a husband and wife to welcome their first child when he is 100 years old and she 90? There was a flood, over the entire earth and after the water receded our God made a covenant for this to never happen again. There was a young man sold into slavery who later in his life had the power to save his large family from a famine. Who else could empower a teenager to fell a giant warrior with a small stone? And God found favor with a young Jewish woman who would be overcome by the Holy Spirit, giving birth to Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God. The Holy Bible is filled with His works that are so beyond measure, our reaction is awe ... reverence for His Sovereignty.

Our Majestic God reigns and exercises dominion over all the earth and heavens. Unlike monarchs, such as Queen Elizabeth II who celebrates her 70 year reign in Britain, God Almighty reigns forever. "The Lord reigns over the nations, God is seated on his holy throne." Psalm 47:8 "The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations." Psalm 146:10 How can we respond to this knowledge of His dominion being forever? This is His will for us to be assured that our Lord is forever. He is the one and only constant in our lives, dependable, totally reliable. Change surrounds us and carries us places we never thought we would go. Change can bring hardship and suffering when it occurs suddenly. We can call upon the living God who is always near, never far away. We can confidently teach our children and our

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children's children about the Living God and His divine qualities since we know He will reign forever, from one generation to another.

We learn more about the Majestic living God from the Apostle Paul who says;

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" 1 Timothy 1:17



To honor and glorify God is to worship Him as the only God worthy of worship. As we worship we can grow in the knowledge of Him, to live a life to please Him, seeking to obey and serve Him with an undivided heart. It is an overwhelming desire led by the Holy Spirit to worship Him.

A Savior

Since before the beginning of time, God in all His wisdom and power knew people would need a Savior, to offer redemption, remission from the sin of the world. The Savior is the Son:

"The son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." Hebrews 1:3
The Son is Jesus, God in flesh. All of the

Majestic qualities of God are found in Jesus who is the exact representation. Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life for all who believe He is the redeemer, the only mediator between us and God the Father. Our loving response to Jesus as the Son of God can be the same as John the Baptist who said, "the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." True humility. We are humble as children before God the Father and God the Son who are greater than we can imagine.

The Apostle Paul describes the greatness; the supremacy of Christ in the first chapter of Colossians:

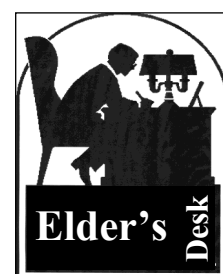
"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel."

We can be presented as to God as holy without blemish, free from accusation when we surrender to Jesus as the Son of God who through His death offers us redemption, the remission of our sin and salvation. Through the grace of God we can embrace His gift of salvation.

His Majesty, Jesus, wants to live in your heart, are you willing to give it to Him? He wants to take His rightful place on the throne in your heart.

In His Service,

Nona Koivula



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Together Loving Christ

Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

Join with us in our Adult Study Group Via Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Grow in the Word!



Sunny Place Church is open for Sunday Morning Services

We are happy to announce that the COVID-19 policy at Sunny Place has come to an end. The level of risk has lowered significantly to the point where we can allow masks to be optional. There will also be no social distancing limits or roped off pews.

We are grateful to God for taking us through this unusual and challenging ordeal. He has kept us safe and provided for us in many ways so that we could continue in worship and ministry throughout the entire fourteen plus months.

We will continue using Zoom for some waiting to finish getting vaccinated or transitioning to in-person activity. If not vaccinated and have not had COVID-19, we recommend you wear a mask. But the decision is up to you.

Our Sunday Morning Worship Services and Mid-Week meetings, are also being held on Zoom. Please send us an email with your name and contact information to: sunnyplacecog@gmail.com to request a link to be sent to you

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Minutes of Meeting held January 5, 2022

Attended by: Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Ted Gehman, Glenda Kasza and Nona Koivula

Devotion and Prayer: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

Ministry Reports

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$1,006.34 Giving \$14,142 Expenses \$18,431.96 Faith Promise \$440

Worship & Prayer: In December there was a Worship Wednesday Christmas evening together at Sunny Place Church. It was spiritually uplifting and fulfilling for all who attended. The Worship Ministry would like to continue the Worship Wednesdays during 2022 and are asking people to pray about inviting Worship into their home. Please contact Effie if you are willing to open your home to Worship Wednesdays.

Christian Education & Fellowship: Pastor Pete teaches two adult Bible Study classes each week. The Thursday evening class is a study of the Work of the Holy Spirit only on Zoom at 7pm. On Sunday mornings at 9:30am Pastor Pete is teaching the Sermon on the Mount at Sunny Place Church and on Zoom.

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: Sam reported that Pastoral Care Counseling is available by contacting him. The Encouragement Ministry sends cards and makes phone calls to remain in contact with our congregation.

Outreach & Missions: The Sunny Place Church of God website has been redesigned and updated with inspiring graphics and text. Go to sunnyplacechurch.org There will be a Senior Luncheon on January 8. Phyllis reported on the Missions Ministry who will be contacting the Anderson Missionary office to learn which missionaries will be in the US in May for our International Missions Fest. She also will contact the Webb family to possibly invite them to update our congregation about the Children of Promise; the Church of God international sponsorship program to support wholeness for children and their communities in need with nutrition, education, healthcare and discipleship.

Stewardship & Support Services: Tim reported there has been ongoing roof damage during high winds. He said Ted Gehman has been able to make necessary repairs to the roof. There will be a required annual fire inspection scheduled for the week of Jan. 9. The inspectors will check the fire alarms and fire panel in our church.

New and Old Business

The Elders reviewed nominations and agreed that Erik Wiechering be nominated for Elder to be on the ballot at the Annual Business Meeting to be held Sunday, January 23. The Business Meeting will follow the Worship Service after a short recess. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. People attending on Zoom will be able to vote for Elder nominations.

Next Elders meeting: Feb 2, 2022

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Sunny Place Church – February Events

You are Invited

2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon

Saturday, February 12th
11:30 am



Sunny Place Church

Free for Seniors 55+

Register at 630/398-2314



Worship Wednesday
Wednesday, February 16th
6:00 p.m. at the Weichering Home



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

"Jesus' Teaching for the Blessed"

A Study of the Sermon on the Mount.

Led by Pastor Pete

Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m.

In-person and on Zoom

7:00 p.m.



"A Counselor for You"

A Study of the Work of the Holy Spirit

Led by Pastor Pete

7:00 p.m. On Zoom only

Our Sunday Worship Services, and Thursday night Bible Study will be held at the scheduled times. If you would like to join us for a service or study via ZOOM, send an email with your name and contact information to: sunnyplacecog@gmail.com to request a link to be sent to you. You can also listen to the audio sermons, within a few days afterwards, by selecting either version on: sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons.