

New Year's Service

Vernon Alliance Church

January 1-2, 2022

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

WORSHIP

*Come As You Are
Reign in Us*

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Colossians 1:15-17

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of the saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP: *Reign Above It All*

PROCESSING OUR PAIN

PSALMS OF LAMENT

Psalm 77:1-9

Psalm 80:3

SILENCE

In silence you are invited to lift your pain before the Lord. Open your hands and offer your pain and anguish to Jesus. Be real as you utter some silent prayers or laments to the God who's listening. Maybe it would help to write something down in the space provided.

WORDS OF COMFORT

2 Corinthians 1:3-4a

2 Corinthians 4:8

PRAYER FOR COMFORT

WORSHIP: *New Wine*

REPENTANCE

Psalm 24:3-4a

Father God, would you reveal how we have sinned and how you desire is to confess.

COPORATE CONFESSION

Leader:

Most holy and merciful Father: I confess to you that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart, and mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I have not forgiven others, as I have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on me, Lord.

Leader:

I have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served me. I have not been true to the mind of Christ. I have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on me, Lord.

I confess to you, Lord, all my past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of my life.

My self-indulgent appetites and ways, and
my exploitation of other people.

My anger at my own frustration, and my envy
of those more fortunate than I,

My intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and my dishonesty in daily life and work,

My negligence in prayer and worship, and
my failure to commend the faith that is in me,

Accept my repentance, Lord, for the wrongs
I have done: for my blindness to human need
and suffering, and my indifference to injus-
tice and cruelty.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward my neighbors, and for my prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from me,

For my waste and pollution of your creation,
and my lack of concern for those who come
after us,

Restore me, good Lord, favorably hear me for your mercy is great. Accomplish in me and all of your church the work of your salvation, that I may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, bring me with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection. Amen.

As you look ahead into 2022, what concerns/
matters do you want to bring before God in
prayer?

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And now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the bright mountain of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy; to Him be power and authority, for ever and ever. Amen. (MLK)