*January 7, 2018: First Sunday of the New Year 2018 / Communion*

 **“Yet, This I Call to Mind…”**

***Lamentations 3:19-24***

***Genesis 1:14*** *- And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to* ***separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years.”***

***Lamentations 3:19-24 NIV*** *– I* ***remember*** *my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. 20 I well* ***remember*** *them, and* ***my soul is downcast*** *within me. 21* ***Yet******this******I call to mind*** *and* ***therefore I have hope****: 22* ***Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed****, for his* ***compassions never fail****.  23 They are* ***new every morning****;* ***great is your faithfulness****.  24 I say to myself,* ***“The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”***

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***Lamentations 3:19-20 MESSAGE - I’ll never forget*** *the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I’ve swallowed.  I* ***remember*** *it all—oh, how well I* ***remember****—the feeling of hitting the bottom.*

***Lamentations 3:21-22 VOICE -*** *Gaining* ***hope****, I* ***remember*** *and wait for this thought:* ***22How enduring is God’s loyal love; the Eternal has inexhaustible compassion****.*

***Psalm 42:5-6 VOICE -*** *Why am I so overwrought? Why am I so disturbed?  Why can’t I just hope in God?* ***Despite all my emotions,******I will believe and praise the One who saves me and is my life. 6****My God,* ***my soul is so traumatized****;* ***the only help is remembering You wherever I may be****…*

***Psalm 22:1, 3 ESV*** *–* ***My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*** *Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my Groaning? 3 ...****Yet******you are holy****,* ***enthroned*** *on the* ***praises*** *of Israel.*

***Matthew 8:8 AMP*** *– “…****Speak the word****, and my servant boy will be cured.”*

***Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV*** *-* ***Remember*** *the former things, those of long ago;* ***I am God****, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.****10*** *I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.****I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.***

***Job 37:14*** *- “...****Stop*** *and* ***consider*** *God’s wonders.”*

***Psalm 77:11-12*** *- “I will* ***remember*** *the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will* ***remember*** *your miracles of long ago. I will* ***meditate*** *on all your works and* ***consider*** *all your mighty deeds.”*

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***Lamentations 3:22-23 GNT*** *- The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,* ***23*** *Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.*

***Hebrews 13:5 AMP - …****For He [God] Himself has said,* ***I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you*** *without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]*

***Zephaniah 3:17 TLB*** *– For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will give you victory. He will rejoice over you in great gladness: He will love you and not accuse you.* ***Is that a joyous choir I hear? No, it is the Lord Himself exulting over you in happy song…***

***Philippians 4:4-5 NIV*** *-* ***Rejoice*** *in the Lord always. I will say it again:* ***Rejoice****! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

***Revelation 4:8 & 11 KJV -*** *…Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come… 11* ***Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.***

***Psalm 95:1-3 NIV*** *- Come, let us* ***sing for joy*** *to the LORD; let us* ***shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation****.* ***2*** *Let us come before him with* ***thanksgiving*** *and* ***extol him with music and song****.****3*** *For the* ***LORD is the great God****, the* ***great King*** *above all gods.*

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***Lamentations 3:21-23 AMP*** *- …****This******I******recall*** *and* ***therefore*** *have* ***I hope*** *and* ***expectation****:* ***22****It is* ***because of the Lord’s mercy and loving-kindness*** *that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not.* ***23 They are new every morning****;* ***great*** *and* ***abundant*** *is* ***Your******stability*** *and* ***faithfulness****.*

***Psalm 139:12-17 NIV78 –*** *Even the* ***darkness will not be dark to you;*** *the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. 13 For* ***you created my inmost being****;* ***you knit me together in my mother’s womb.*** *14* ***I praise you*** *because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15* ***My frame was not hidden from you*** *when I was made in the secret place. When* ***I was woven together****… 16* ***your eyes saw*** *my unformed body.* ***All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*** *17* ***How precious concerning me are your thoughts, O God!*** *How vast is the sum of them!*

***Jeremiah 29:11*** *- “‘For I know the* ***plans I have for you****,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to* ***prosper you*** *and not to harm you, plans to give* ***you hope and a future****.’”*

***2 Timothy 1:12 KJV -*** *…I am not ashamed:* ***for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.***

* **We exist to do the MINISTRY of Christ; in the LOVE of Christ; for the GLORY of Christ; by the POWER of Christ!**

***Acts 1:8 NIV - “****But* ***you will receive power*** *when the* ***Holy Spirit*** *comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”*

***Romans 1:16 NKJV -*** *For* ***I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone*** *who believes...*