# Marineview Communion Brunch

January 7, 2024

#### Worship Through Song

#### In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless Babe This Gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of Hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand Here in the power of Christ I'll stand Don Koch | Shawn Craig © 1990 New Spring

#### **Blessed Assurance**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain] Public Domain

#### Spiritual Reflection

- 1. What word, phrase, or image stands out to you?
- 2. Is there a word, phrase, or picture in this scripture that seems to connect with your life?
- 3. Do you sense an invitation from the Holy Spirit? How might you respond to what you've noticed in God's word today?
- 4. Any brief thoughts, comments, or questions that have arisen out of discussion?

#### **Discussion Guidelines**

- a. Listening
- b. Confidentiality
- c. Freedom to pass
- d. Freedom to have different opinions
- e. Kindness and love

#### 1 Peter 1:1-12 (NIV)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who

through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen

#### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

# Announcements

1. Meal Train for Sulan and Mickael - Jan. 15-29

There are **lots of slots still available** for bringing a meal to Sulan and Mickaël as they continue to settle in with baby Leo. To join in caring for them in this practical way, you can find the link to sign-up in the weekly announcements email.

## 2. Prayer Team Training Tea - today at 2 p.m. at Vania's place

The training tea for those who have signed up to participate in the after-service prayer team will be happening this afternoon.

### 3. Snow Shovellers Needed

It looks like we may have some snow late next week. Keeping our walks clear is one of the ways we love our neighbours - especially those who are disabled and elderly.

If you are able to help with shovelling, please contact Siobhan (admin@marineview.org) or let Vania know you are available.

- 4. Youth Group this Friday
- Offering (Online e-transfer to <u>finance@marineview.org</u>, on website at <u>www.marineview.org</u>, by mail to 4000 W 41<sup>st</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC V6N3G2)