

* **Call to Worship: Joy to the World** #337:1 (PH)
Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **With Grateful Heart** #183:1,3 (PH)
With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
Before the great your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place
And praise you for your truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine
In your most holy Word divine,
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O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
You reign alone in heavenly height;
The proud in vain your favor seek,
But you have mercy for the meek.
Through trouble though my pathway be,
You will revive and strengthen me,
You will revive and strengthen me.

* **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** #170:1,2,6 (PH)
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

* **If You But Trust in God** #446:1,3 (PH)
If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you
To give you hope and strength within;
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving,
You'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in him indeed.

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

* **Profession of Faith:**
Our World Belongs to God - Article 13 p.1023 (PH)
**God directs and bends to his will
all that happens in his world.
As history unfolds in ways we only know in part,
all things—
from crops to grades,
from jobs to laws—
are under his control.
God is present in our world
by his Word and Spirit.
The faithfulness
of our great Provider
gives sense to our days
and hope to our years.
The future is secure,
for our world belongs to God.**

* **Another Year Is Dawning**
Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning! Dear Father let it be
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

* **Scripture:** *Revelation 21:1-8 (NIV)* pg. 1302

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Message: *Ring Out the Old; Ring in the New*

Prayer

SERMON NOTES

* ***Work, for the Night Is Coming***

Work, for the night is coming,
Work thro' the morning hours.
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work mid springing flowers.
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming,
Work thro' the sunny noon.
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon.
Give every flying minute
Something to keep in store.
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies.
While the bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more.
Work while the night is darkening,
When man's work is o'er.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Jesus Is Coming Again***

#305 (HFG)

Coming again, coming again,
Maybe morning, maybe noon,
Maybe evening and maybe soon!
Coming again, coming again,
Oh, what a wonderful day it will be!
Jesus is coming again!

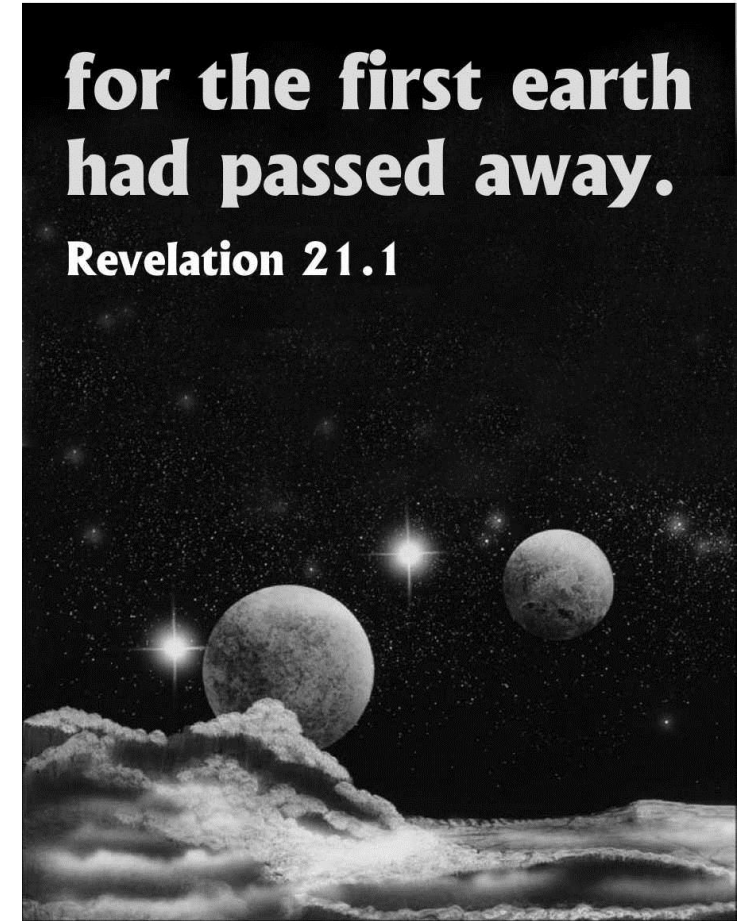
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a new heaven
and a new earth;**

**for the first earth
had passed away.**

Revelation 21.1



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