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**FESTIVAL OF JOY
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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JANUARY 21 • 10:00 am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE: – Joanne Miyahara

WELCOME: – Rev. Vathanak Heang

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** – Ruby Bago

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope.

Leader: When life feels fragile and faith feels tested,

People: you guard us by your power and hold us steady.

Leader: Though we face trials, you are still at work, refining, strengthening, renewing.

People: We rejoice with a joy deeper than words can

hold.

Leader: We have not seen Jesus, yet we love him.

People: We trust him, and we worship with grateful hearts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, turn our eyes to living hope, and let our praise rise. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER:** – Ruby Bago

God of mercy, we bless you for the living hope you have placed within us through Jesus Christ. When our worries are loud and our strength is thin, meet us here. Give us faith that holds on, love that keeps showing up, and joy that does not depend on perfect circumstances. Shape us through what we're carrying today—refine what needs refining, heal what needs healing, and restore what feels worn down. As we worship, anchor us in your promises and open our hearts to receive your grace. We offer you our whole selves—our gratitude and our questions, our confidence and our fear—trusting you to be faithful. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***SONG: “10,000 Reasons”** – Wesley Praise Band

Words and music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name!

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name!

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name!

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending!

Ten thousand years, and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name!
I'll worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

***SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"** – Wesley Praise Band

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Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away,

you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be your name.
You give and take away,
you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name.

SCRIPTURE READING (Video): — Kelli Saito Martines

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who
are being protected by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In

this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Found/Tonight”

— Jahzara Jones and Ivan Vielma
with Joanne Miyahara

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SERMON: “Unspeakable Joy”

— Rev. Sam Yun, San Ramon Valley UMC

SONG OF RESPONSE: “Joyful, Joyful”

— Wesley Praise Band

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Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,

opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, ocean view,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in you.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
You're our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love will shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

People, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,

binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

HOLY COMMUNION: – Rev. John Oda

SONG: “Come Unto Me (Matthew 11)”

– Wesley Praise Band

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Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

All things are given unto those who believe.
Princes and lowly ones, his blessings receive.
And just when I think that means everyone but me,
Jesus comes beckoning to me.

Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

Enter the Holy Gates, just as you are.

No need for a happy face,
just come with your heart,
And Jesus will bring us a joyful melody,
if only his calling we heed.

Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

We are his little ones, children of God.
Children and fellow heirs of his Kingdom come.
And we share the greatest love
the world has ever seen
here in the Lord's family.

Come unto me, all who are weak,
weary and heavy laden.
Gentle am I, humble in heart,
and you shall find rest for your soul.

SONG: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

– Joanne Miyahara

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Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING: — Savanna Thaing
The offering will go to the expenses of this event.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: “Light of the World”

— Jahzara Jones and Ivan Vielma

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison): — Savanna Thaing

God of living hope, every good gift we have comes from
you. Receive these offerings as our response to your

mercy and your steady care. Use what we give to bring encouragement to the weary, welcome to the overlooked, and practical help to our neighbors. Teach us to give with joy—not from fear or scarcity, but from trust in your faithfulness. Make our generosity a witness to the hope we claim: that love is stronger than despair, and your salvation is drawing near. Bless these gifts, and bless the givers, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY:** – Joanne Miyahara

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

– Rev. Meina Ko

(In your native language)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespassed against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

– Wesley Praise Band

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Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father’s glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

***BENEDICTION**: – Rev. Sam Yun

***RESPONSE**: – “Go Now In Peace”

– Wesley Praise Band

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Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE MUSIC: — Joanne Miyahara

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