

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION DECEMBER 26, 2021

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 71:17-24**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *Ascribe

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 2:22-35**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *Joy Has Dawned

Savior of the Nations Come

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mike Kenamer, MNA Disaster Response and Bryan Pierce, Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Waiting Upon the Lord for Salvation Micah 7:1-20

Preparation of the Table Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *Joy to the World

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Micah 7:18-20**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

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“WAITING UPON THE LORD FOR SALVATION” MICAH 7:1-20 MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: God's judgment summons us to wait upon Him alone for salvation because He delights in forgiveness, steadfast love, and faithfulness.

Introduction:

Q: *How have your hopes been dashed this past year? What did you look to when things didn't turn out as you had hoped?*

Micah 7:1-20: Waiting Upon the Lord for Salvation

“As Micah began his prophecy with the fury of God's wrath (1:2-9), so now he closes it with the fountain of God's mercy (7:18-20)—and he can scarcely contain himself! He is part of a Babylon-bound people (4:10) who will endure Yahweh's judgement, and yet this believing remnant waits for Yahweh (7:7) and knows that God will in grace bring about restoration (7:8-17). And Micah is simply overcome (7:18)... So here it is as though Micah is saying to us, 'Join me in being thrilled over the God of all grace, and then come, let us adore him!'”

Dale Ralph Davis, *Micah*

Q: *How have you experienced God's compassionate forgiveness this past year? How have you tasted and seen His steadfast love and faithfulness? How can you continue to wait upon His forgiveness, steadfast love, and faithfulness this upcoming year?*

Application:

Micah 7:1-120 teaches us that:

- God's judgement summons us to wait upon Him alone for salvation by (1) Repenting of our sins: (2) Participating in His mission: (3) Praying boldly
- We wait upon the Lord for salvation because He delights in forgiveness, steadfast love and faithfulness

Benediction: *Micah 7:18-20*