



GRACE OF CHRIST

LOVE WELL WITH DROPS OF GRACE

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord,
'plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.
You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and
gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,
declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from
which I sent you into exile. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

January 1, 2021

Dear Grace of Christ Family,

You might say that 2020 has felt as though we were in exile. Well, it's not time to say "Goodbye 2020" and "Hello 2021", as we welcome in a New Year. At the beginning of 2020, we had no idea what was on the horizon. The same is true as we embark upon 2021. The good news is that God knows what is coming, and He has plans for all of us. In an ever-changing world, the one unshakable certainty that we can cling to is that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Whatever changes or challenges may come our way in the New Year, God remains the same. He is always faithful.

- o **This Sunday we begin a new sermon series: The 2021 Church.** Yes, it's a bit of a play on words to signify that in 2021 we are One Church – locally, and globally. In January, we will look at being The Unified Church, as we look at Jesus' High Priestly Prayer in John 17. This Sunday we will be celebrating Communion together. If you participate from home, have your elements ready in advance.
- o **On January 31, during our 10:00am Worship Service,** we will also have our Annual Congregational Meeting. It will be a time to reflect upon all the Lord accomplished in 2020. It will also be a time when we anticipate what God is doing to do in 2021. We want to share our Unified Vision and Future. This will include an update on how Gracia de Cristo and Grace of Christ are becoming One Church.
- o **In the New Year there will also be a continued focus on Community Life Groups.** There will be a variety of options. You will be instructed on how to sign up for the group you currently attend, or to join a different group.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace,
Pastor Bill