

# **Church of the Saviour**

*United Methodist*

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**



*December 31, 2017*

*7:00 p.m.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE  
Based on  
WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE  
And  
TRADITIONAL OWLAH (burnt offering) SERVICE

**MYERS CHAPEL**

**7:00 p.m.**

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PRELUDE

Sara Smith, piano

GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Micah 6:6-8*  
*Matthew 22:34-40*

LITANY

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

**There's a season for everything**

**and a time for every matter under the heavens:**

- <sup>2</sup> **a time for giving birth and a time for dying,**  
**a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,**  
<sup>3</sup> a time for killing and a time for healing,  
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,  
<sup>4</sup> a time for crying and a time for laughing,  
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,

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<sup>1</sup> United Methodist Book of Worship (BOW) p. 295

## My Covenant With God for 2016

I covenant the following, a promise between myself and my God.  
(How do you want to commit yourself this year financially, spiritually,  
relationally, physically, emotionally?)

### The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,  
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,  
6 a time for searching and a time for losing,  
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,  
7 a time for tearing and a time for repairing,  
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,  
8 a time for loving and a time for hating,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

HYMN #402 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

OWLAH OFFERING OF SINS – SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION  
*You are invited to fill in the first half sheet insert with your confession and sin offering to God.*

PARDON AND THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (pp. 15-16)  
*You may leave your sin offering at the altar as you come forward.*

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Please sign the Friendship Pad.)  
Offertory  
\*The Doxology (95) & Prayer of Dedication

WRITING OF OUR COVENANTS (time of silence and reflection)  
*You may use the second half sheet insert to write your covenant for the year.*

COVENANT PRAYER

*From John Wesley's Covenant Service, 1780*

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Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN #117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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\*The people may stand.

Ushers: Tammy Owings and Paul Omelsky

### **My Sin Offering and Confession**

*Owlah Sacrifice (Leviticus 3:1-17):*

1. Chose the sacrifice (and recognized the sin).
2. Took the offering to the Tabernacle or Temple (made confession).
3. Placed hands on the [sinless] offering (gave it up).
4. Blood was shed (life was given; sin flowed away).
5. The offering was totally consumed by fire (total surrender of the worshiper's heart and life to God), nothing held back.
6. The offering became a "pleasing aroma" to the Lord (Numbers 28:8).

Owlah Sacrifice tonight:

Accept the chosen sacrifice (Jesus on the Cross, whose blood was shed for our sins).

Recognize your sin(s).

Write it/them down (confess it) on this sheet, below.

Put the card in the basket, place your hand on the basket (repent, give it up).

Let it be totally burned (total surrender of heart and life to God); anything held back remains sin.

This Offering becomes a "pleasing aroma" to God.

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God, I confess to you.....

Receive this offering of my sins, and create a clean heart in me.