



*You crown the year with
your bounty;
wagon tracks overflow with
richness.*

*The pastures of the wilder-
ness overflow,*

*hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
valleys deck themselves with grain,
shout and sing together for joy.*

Psalm 65:11-13

Dear Colver Church Family,

as we welcome the New Year 2021, the words of the psalmist speak clearly into our experiences as we look back to 2020. We can feel God assuring his presence in the tumultuous journey and our life circumstance. It was, indeed, a year filled with chaos, disturbance, confusion, and scarcity. Yet, like David, we are grateful to God for his divine comfort, encouragement, and protection. God has continued to ease our minds and our worries are cast onto the cross with Christ. The Holy Spirit has been and still is whispering hope in our despair; God's provision has been substantial and overflowing.

As for our ministry, many of you were able to reach out to others and comfort them in their sorrows and fear as we responded to this confounding situation. We continued to worship God on Sundays and celebrated Easter and Christmas safely and successfully. We are thankful for our Session members and Deacons for doing a great work, touching many lives through their respective ministers. Now, we welcome the new Session members as they take up the torch of the gospel to serve our members, Colver community, and beyond.

I am sure we will continue to thrive spiritually, grow in faith as we navigate and find better ways to serve God in 2021. Like many other pastors and religious leaders in our country and around

the world, the Session members and I will continue to visit you by phone and letters. I promise to keep you in my prayers and always am open to a visit, insights, and input from you. As stated last year, I'll continue to pray, that the Lord almighty give us strength, peace, and joy as we live through the virus. I pray for the leaders for God to grant us wisdom and discernment in our leadership.

Many of us aim for a few resolutions every year. Resolutions are easy to make but hard to keep. However, resolutions are vital and serve as reminders to keep us alert physically, mentally, and spiritually. Our spiritual resolutions help bring us close to God and see God's grace fulfilled in our lives if remembered and kept.

In the text above, the psalmist acknowledged his shortcomings, yet was certain of Yahweh's visit to surprise his people with kind blessings. So, as we admit our limitations in keeping our resolu-



tions, let us also invite God to sow abundance and crown the year 2021 with bounty. May God bring success, redemption, and atonement through Christ Jesus anew and remind

us of our salvation. The Psalm says, "happy are those whom God has chosen. They live near to him because they shall be satisfied with God's goodness (v. 4)."

Therefore, may God renew our hope and may the Joy of Christmas rests in our hearts. May God bring union with him afresh, that we have access to the presence of Yahweh Adonai. May our faith be nurtured and strengthened through 2021 and beyond.

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