<u>Sunday</u>

9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Adult Sunday School

<u>Monday</u>

6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm NA (Narcotics Anonymous) <u>Tuesday</u> 6:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Prayer Gathering 5:30 pm Dr. Paul's bible overview & Inductive bible study Workshop/seminar

<u>Wednesday</u>

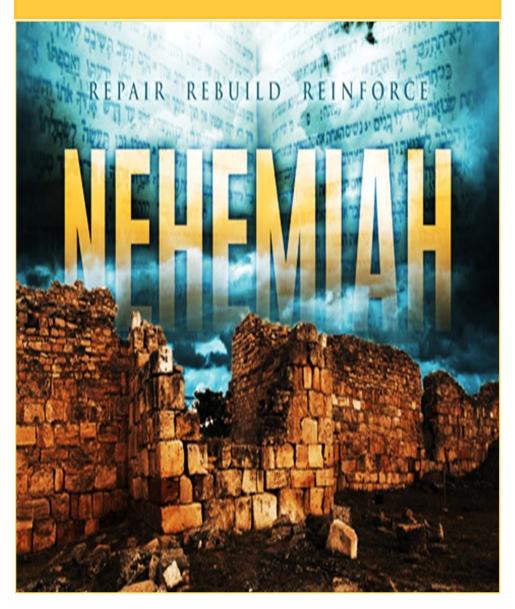
10:00 am Sisters In Christ 4:30 pm Anchored Kids 5:00 pm Bible Study

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Sermon Notes

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Catching God's Vision: Restoring God's World Part 3 April 21, 2024



Introit

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn –UMH # 384 –Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Announcements

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Who But the Lord?

Simplicity (Offering) Lord Most High

UMH #95 Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture - Nehemiah 2:9 -20

Hymn #393 -Spirit of the Living God

Message : Catching God's Vision: Restoring God's World -Part 3

*Closing Hymn—UMH #451 –Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

Postlude : Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Congregational Prayer

Eternal Father, we invite You to be with us here to receive our praise, our worship, and our undivided attention. We invite You to be with us, Holy and Resurrected Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, and our gifts in worship today. We welcome, worship, and praise you Holy Spirit in our midst.

May our eyes be opened to Your holy presence among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

O God, You bring new life where there is lifelessness. The grass now wears a brilliant green and trees are blooming with the wondrous clothes of spring colors. You are the God of resurrection. You resurrect faith out of our doubt; You resurrect hope out of the mire of our fears.

We are the people of Resurrection! We claim the hope of eternal love and eternal life.

You used Nehemiah to bring hope, deliverance, and restoration to all who were living in oppression, fear, and shame for many decades. We pray that you bring Your deliverance and restoration to us today in our struggles with sin, fear, and shame.

Break the chains of addictions, prejudice, revenge, and ill will.

Lord, bring Your healing and strength to those who are ill and weak; bring Your presence into the lives of those who feel alone; bring Your solace and comfort to those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. Help us to be the channels of blessings and the carriers of Your good news to others.

Lord, send us forth with the jubilation and exhilaration of worship in our hearts so that others catch the fire of our faith.

These, and all our unspoken petitions, grant to us and all Your Easter people. All this we pray, just as our Savior taught us:

*Congregation please stand as able Liturgist: Keith Casteel Rev. Dr. Arun Paul - arun@decaturgrace.org (Worship is recorded for T.V. viewing and other social media platforms)