### <u>Sunday</u>

9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Adult Sunday School <u>April 7</u> - Vision Sunday - Lunch & presentation given by Dr. Paul about vision for future of the church **Monday** 

#### <u>Monday</u>

5:15 April 8– Foundation Meeting

6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

#### Tuesday

6:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Prayer Gathering 5:30 pm Dr. Paul's bible overview & Inductive bible study Workshop/seminar

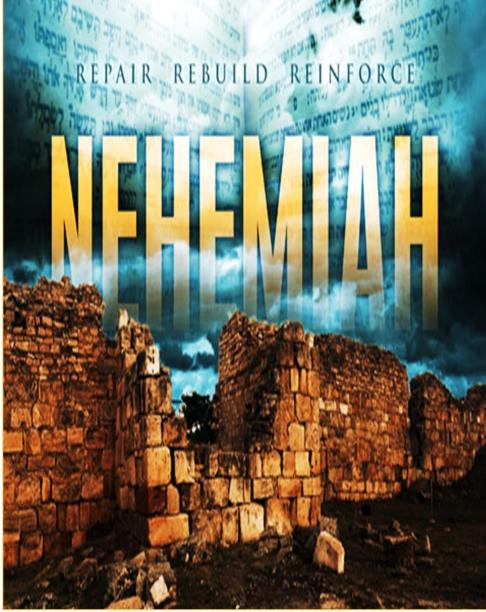
### **Wednesday**

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

## **Sermon Notes**



# Catching the Vision: Restoring God's World April 7,2024



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\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn –UMH #400 –Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Prayer Response** 

Lord Most High (Offering) Heart of Worship

UMH #95 Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

\*Scripture - Nehemiah 1

Hymn #393 -Spirit of the Living God

Message : Catching the Vision: Restoring God's World

Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn—UMH #577 - God of Grace and God of Glory

\*Benediction

Postlude : All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.

## **Congregational Prayer**

Father in heaven, we come before Your throne of grace and mercy to praise You for all that You are—our Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, and constant companion on the road of our earthly lives.

We thank you for your son Jesus Christ who took our sins upon himself and died our death on the cross and rose again for our justification.

Jesus, you came to seek and save the lost. You came to rescue us and to rebuild our lives to give us new hope and a new vision to restore this broken world.

### As you gave a vision to Nehemiah to restore the broken city of Jerusalem give us a vision to restore our city and our nation that needs restoration.

Like Nehemiah who cried out to you and prayed for the restoration of the broken city of Jerusalem and the broken walls of Jerusalem. We cry out to you for the restoration of the broken lives of the people around us and among us. Father, this earth is your creation, and this is your world. We declare you sovereign over all the earth.

## Father, help us to do all that we can do in our power to restore this broken world for the sake of your kingdom.

Father, we pray for all the civic leaders in our nation that you would guide them by Your Sovereign Will to find Your grace, wisdom, and strength so that they will work for the welfare of this nation. Lord, we pray for the sick among us for your healing touch and we also pray for your peace and comfort for those who have lost their loved one and are grieving this morning.

## We pray this and all our unspoken petitions through the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, Who taught us to pray:

Our Father...

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