

“CHRIST THE SERVANT IS ROOTED AND GROWING: BRANCHING OUT IN 2021”
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*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

In January of 2020, we celebrated Christ the Servant’s 54th anniversary and committed to seeking God’s vision for our congregation’s future. We approved new mission, vision, and values language with the purpose of guiding us through the next five years of renewal. Our mission statement makes clear why God planted this church in Vadnais Heights 54 years ago.

GOD’S MISSION FOR US:

“Putting Jesus’ Way of Life into Practice by Encountering God, Loving One Another, & Reaching the World.”

Our vision statement makes clear how God is renewing us so we can more fully participate in God’s mission today.

GOD’S VISION FOR US:

*“Thriving as a Multicultural and Multigenerational Spiritual Family
by Equipping and Sending Disciples to Transform the World.”*

While 2020 has been quite different than we could have anticipated, these words continue to guide us as we walk in faith together. We used the theme “Rooted & Growing 2025” to imagine our congregation’s past, present, and future as part of God’s yet unfolding story of love and transformation. Our Extravagant Generosity team and church council have identified several ministry priorities which represent hopes for how we will “Branch Out” into the future God has planned for us in 2021. In addition to these priorities, we have identified specific ways we would be able to accomplish our goals together through an increase in giving toward our mission in the upcoming year.

Upgrade our facility to foster thriving ministry and relevant communication strategies (including investing in a new sound system, online worship technology, and essential building updates).

Expand Christ the Servant’s impact for the gospel in the surrounding community (including a digital sign by the Centerville Road entrance and a communications strategy to reach residents of new housing developments in Vadnais Heights).

Engage children and youth in the congregation and community as servants of Christ (including staffing for children, youth, and family ministry, training for volunteers, and expanding programs).

Over the next 6 weeks, you will be hearing more from our Extravagant Generosity Team through direct communication and testimonies about how you can help Christ the Servant “Branch Out” to expand our ministry for the gospel in 2021.

Branching Out Together,
Thanks be to God!
Pastor Chris Steubing