

Message Outline
A Word on the Word of the Year
Revelation 21:1-5

Intro: A new Word for 2021!!!

- Rundown of past Words: WORSHIP, CONNECT, DEEP, CONTEND, MAKE DISCIPLES, ONE ACCORD, SABBATH, BUILD...

Read: Revelation 21:1-5

v.1—The Bible understood as one whole/united Story...

- Sea symbolism in Scripture...

v.2—Wedding imagery for unveiling of eternity...

- Preparation, excitement, intimacy, a whole new life that awaits...

v.3—Heaven's defining feature: God's presence...

v.4—Longing for the "no mores"...

v.5—"...all things NEW!"

NEWness on the Horizon

1) NEW _____

- New space to utilize for Christ...
- New name on new addition...

2) NEW _____

- FUMC growth trends...
- Two different times, one united service...
- Importance of multi-generational worship...

3) NEW _____

- Potential denominational split...
- General Conference in Sept. 2021 to discuss that possibility...

Closing: When NEW takes some getting used to...



God Made Us a Family

Pastor: God made us a family.

Church: *We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another.*

Pastor: God made us a family.

Church: *We work together. We play together. We worship together.*

Pastor: God made us a family.

Church: *Together we use God's Word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people.*

Pastor: God made us a family.

Church: *Together we serve our God. Together we hope for heaven.*

ALL: *These are our hopes and ideals. Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

