

# **WORSHIP GATHERING**

January 31, 2021

## **Welcome**

New City Church is a spiritual family defined by the good news that God has taken loving initiative in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to sinners and a sin-marred world. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, the restoration of all things has begun, beginning with those who admit their need and trust his gracious provision. This restoration will eventually reach to the ends of the earth and touch every part of creation.

This is our joyful confession  
and the life-giving hope of our community.

# Gathering Song

*Feel free to join in as you find your seat and prepare for worship*

## **10,000 REASONS**

*Matt Redman*

### *CHORUS*

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

### *CHORUS*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

### *CHORUS*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forever more

### *CHORUS X2*

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 27*

*Leader*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
    be gracious to me and answer me!  
You have said, "Seek my face."

*Congregation*

**My heart says to you,  
    "Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
    Hide not your face from me.**

*Leader*

Turn not your servant away in anger,  
    O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
    O God of my salvation!

*Congregation*

**For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
    but the LORD will take me in.**

# Give Thanks to the Lord

*words: Brad Smith, arr. David Hampton*

Give thanks to the Lord for the works of His hands  
For a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Give thanks to the Lord, for we all now can stand  
And fear not of being forsaken

## *CHORUS*

Give thanks to the Lord for His righteousness,  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love  
Let us worship His name and His holiness  
Give thanks to the Lord! Oh, Give thanks to the Lord!  
Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Father for sending His Son  
Give thanks to the Son for the Spirit  
Now lift up your voices to God three in one  
And shout so the whole world can hear it

## *CHORUS X2*

# All Praise to Him

*Matt Merker and Bob Kauflin*

All praise to Him the God of Light  
Who formed the mountains by his might  
All praise to Him who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To the pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness

To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To you, the Triune God we raise  
With loving hearts our songs of praise (x2)

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

O Lord, we want to enter Your presence, worshipping You face to face, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory; but encouraged by Your love.

*Congregation*

**Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.**

**Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed; in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON YOUR KNEES, OR BOWING  
IN YOUR SEAT, FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN.*

# Declaration of Pardon

*Romans 8:1-2*

*Leader*

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

**In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!**

# Savior

*Matthew Fallentine and Ross Parsley*

I have seen with my own eyes, Your faithfulness, O God  
So I refuse to believe the lies that war against my soul  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

You're my Savior, Restorer,  
Rebuilder, Rewarder,  
My Refuge, Redeemer,  
Defender, My Healer,  
Savior

Now my heart is overwhelmed by all sufficient grace  
For I have seen my weaknesses become Your perfect strength  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

Behold the One  
Who holds me in His hands  
The God who comes  
And turns my mourning  
Into dance

*CHORUS X2*



# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #16

*(The underlined portions correspond to the Children's Catechism studied at home this week by New City families.)*

*Leader*

What is sin?

*Congregation*

**Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.**

*(kids version)*

**Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, not being or doing what he requires in his law.**

## Prayer

## Sermon

## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

<sup>15</sup>“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup>For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

<sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

<sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup>The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

# Health in Our Time

January 31, 2021 | Revelation 3:14-22 | Pastor Roger Williams

In light of our congregational meeting today after the second service, we are breaking from our current series to consider one significant danger for the church in our time.

## Jesus offers vibrant life in a numbing world.

**Vision of health: new creation life** <sup>(14)</sup>

Faithful and true | beginning of God's creation

**Symptom of sickness: lukewarmness** <sup>(15-16)</sup>

neither cold nor hot | spit you out of my mouth

**Underlying disease: numbing self-sufficiency** <sup>(17)</sup>

you say | not realizing

**Cure: repentance and fellowship** <sup>(18-22)</sup>

I counsel you | be zealous and repent | I stand at the door and knock.

It is a consistent theme of Scripture that wealth has to be handled carefully and stewarded to God's glory or it will consume its owner.

-Greg Beale, *Revelation, a Shorter Commentary*, 91.

As far as I can see, prayer has been ordained only for the helpless...Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only he who is helpless can truly pray...To pray is to open the door to Jesus and admit him into your distress. Your helplessness is the very thing which opens wide the door unto him and gives him access to all your needs.

- Ole Kristian Hallesby, *Prayer*, 16ff.

Christ responds to the Laodiceans' poor condition in a way that shows He has not given up on them. He stands at the door of their lives and knocks, inviting them to renew fellowship with him...this is an invitation not for readers to be converted but to renew themselves in a relationship with Christ which has already begun.....This is the cry of God's heart toward those whom He loves He calls them to dine with Him, to return to fellowship they knew in days gone by.

-Greg Beale, *Revelation*, 93.

# Awake My Soul

*Sandra McCracken*

The image of God invisible, the firstborn of all life  
Before and within, He holds it all in  
One name, one faith, one Christ

*CHORUS*

No one is good enough to save himself  
Awake my soul tonight to boast nothing else

I trust no other source or name  
Nowhere else can I hide  
This grace gives me fear  
And this grace draws me near  
And all that it asks it provides

*CHORUS*

No seam in this garment  
All my rags to hide  
No less than your love  
For Jesus is mine

When I stand on the edges of Jordan  
With the saints and the angels beside  
When my body is healed, And the glory revealed  
Still I can boast only Christ

*CHORUS X2*

...To boast nothing else

# Benediction

*from Revelation 1*

*Leader*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

**ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)**

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Rich Scott (Chairman), Emily Taylor, Paul Taylor, Rebekah Torzewski, Chris  
Vincent, Teresa Wedges

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