NORSHIP GATHERING

February 7, 2021

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

to all who mourn and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory;

to all who sin and need a Savior;

to all who are strangers and want fellowship;

to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

and to all who will come,

New City opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome.

Gathering Song

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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when He comes.

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Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3

Leader

My heart is steadfast, O God! shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Congregation

"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Sing to the King

Jordy Searcy

Oh Lord, we give you our lives

Let the veil be lifted from our eyes

You are God, You created us...to Sing to You

CHORUS

Sing to the King, all the people Sing to the King, for He is the One Who is worthy of all the praise That we could ever give

Sing to the One who paid our ransom
Sing of His name, Higher than the heavens
Sing to the King for who He is

Oh Lord, we lift our praises high
May our voices and our hearts collide
And perform You a living sacrifice
We were made for You
CHORUS

Oh God above the nations
Oh God above our sin
Lean your ears to hear us
Let Your church sing again
CHORUS

Jesus, Your Mercy

Bob Kauflin, Jordan Kauflin, and Nathan Stiff

Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea
I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep
The best of my works pierced
Your hands and Your feet
Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea

Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast
The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope
Whatever I lack its still what I need most
Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast

CHORUS

Praise the king who bore my sin

Took my place when I stood condemned

Oh how good You've always been to me

I will sing of Your mercy

Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest
When fears weigh me down and enemies press
A comfort I cling to in life and in death
Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest
CHORUS

Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy
Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice
To sing of a treasure no pow'r can destroy
Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy
CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Congregation

Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 103:11-13

Leader

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him."

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Wounded Healer

Audrey Assad

Image of the invisible
In our pain we feel you near
God of heaven in flesh and bone
By your wounds we shall be healed

CHORUS

Wounded healer We give our hearts to you Wounded healer We give our hearts to you

Arms stretched out
Not to part the sea
But to open up the grave
Blood poured out
Not for war but peace
And to show us God's own face
CHORUS

No fire, no fury, just death into life Over and over 'til all things are right No fire, no fury, just death into life Over and over 'til all things are right CHORUS X2

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #17 (The underlined portions correspond to the Children's Catechism studied at home this week by New City families.)

*Leader*What is idolatry?

Congregation

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

(kids version)

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Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 17:11-21

"On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

The Subtlety of the Kingdom

February 7, 2021 | Luke 17:11-21 | Pastor Roger Williams

The Kingdom of God comes with:

Openhanded kindness (11-14)

for the interested | with whole concern | in spite of "results"

Romans 2 ⁴Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Freedom (15-18)

for worship | for thanksgiving | for boundary breaking

Galatians 3 ³ ⁶ In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Reordering of life (19)

something greater than the Temple is here

John 2 ¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb Who was crucified For with wisdom and mercy and justice He reigns At the Father's side

CHORUS

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb,
Who was slain for the world, rule in power!"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign,
As the King of all Kings
and the Lord of all Lords!"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side There's a fire in our spirits which cannot be denied As the Father has told us, for these You have died For the nations that gather before You

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb Who was crucified Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign At the Father's side

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from Romans 15

Leader

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Go in peace.

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