

WORSHIP GATHERING

July 4, 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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 116

Leader

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Congregation

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my feet from stumbling;**

**I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Leader

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

Congregation

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader

Praise the Lord!

We Shall Sing

Nathan Partain

CHORUS

We shall sing with hearts on fire. We shall rise and not be ashamed.
We shall look and all be radiant. We shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning,
Cut down by greed, used up, bereft.
What death has taken, or curse has ruined,
Jesus has turned, upon its head.

CHORUS

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...
To what we shall see.

Though we outwardly seem to be wasting away,
Instead inwardly we, are more new day by day.
Though we don't see Him now, yet our hearts still believe.
And our hope cannot die, 'til our joy is complete.

And so we wait, the children hunger,
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.
Though weeping lasts, throughout this long night,
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.

CHORUS

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...
As we tremble with love when we meet in the end.
The whole world of despair is not worth being compared
To what we shall see.

Psalm 116 (I Love You, Lord)

Jessica Ray Langdon

CHORUS

I love You, Lord
For You have delivered me
I love You, Lord
For You have delivered
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless You, Lord, for You heard my cry
I reached out my hand and You saved my life
I will bless You, Lord for You heard my plea
And the God of Heaven turned His ear to me

I will bless You, Lord for unending love
For Your grace and mercy raining down from above
I will bless You, Lord to the very end
I will call on You as long as I may live

CHORUS

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart...

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me...

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God...

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 59:20

Leader

“The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins declares the Lord.”

In Christ, you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote and William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

CHORUS

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

CHORUS

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

CHORUS

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

CHORUS

Jesus Is Alive

*James Tealy, Jaywan Maxwell, Jesse Reeves, Michael Farren,
Niki Shepherd, Tiarne Tranter*

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak
Come find living water, everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world

CHORUS

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame they have no power here
In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory

CHORUS X2

Hallelujah, death is undone, Hallelujah, Jesus has won
Hallelujah, we overcome, Oh in Jesus, Oh in Jesus (x3)

CHORUS X2

Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #38

Leader

What is prayer?

Congregation

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

(kids version)

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Saved by Grace

July 4, 2021 | Ephesians 2:1-10 | Dustin Sutherland, Ruling Elder

**We are far more sinful than we will ever realize
and yet far more loved than we will ever comprehend**

Notes:

Sermon & Communion

Should you take Communion?

This is a “means of grace”— a method of encouragement and spiritual nourishment from God for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ and have received the sign of baptism. This is not for perfect people, it’s for broken people who are honest about their sin and trust in the mercy of Jesus. However, if you are harboring secret or unrepented sin or are in unaddressed conflict with another Christian, we ask that you first repent or go and be reconciled before coming to the table.

New City is happy to be a community where many are in process with that they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion.

Children

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking Communion. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be in this conversation.

Come People of the Risen King

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

CHORUS

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

CHORUS

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: Our God is all in all

CHORUS X2

Benediction

Based on Ephesians 3:17-19

Leader

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith...and may you have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

Tom Abbett, Katie Blodgett, Megan Flahive, Dave Ostendorf,
Rich Scott (Chairman), Emily Taylor, Paul Taylor, Rebekah Torzewski, Chris
Vincent, Teresa Wedges

ACTIVE ELDERS (THE “SESSION”)

Michael Erler, Ben Flack, Daryl Kapp, John McAllen, Mark Moss, Joe Sugimura,
Dustin Sutherland, Caleb Winter (Clerk)

STAFF

Taylor Bradbury — *Associate Pastor*

Ben Flack — *Director of Liturgy*

Rebekah Torzewski — *Church Administrator*

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