

WORSHIP GATHERING

January 16, 2022

Pre-service reflection:

[The Bible teaches] that God may sometimes answer prayers for peace and protection with difficulties and wounds. But we should not wield this principle in a light way. We should not say breezily to someone in pain, “I see you are suffering but I am just sure God is doing this to you for a loving purpose.” The Bible does definitely say that if we trust him, then even the bad things that happen to us will be used by him as part of his plan for good and glory. (Romans 8:28). But we must also remember other aspects of God’s attitude toward evil and suffering in the world. We need to see Jesus weeping and angry at the death of his friend Lazarus and at the grief of his family (cf. John 11:1-53). Suffering and death is not God’s original design for the world and the cross shows his willingness to enter pain and suffering in order to some day end it all without having to judge and end us along with it! So we must not imagine God coldly inflicting pain on us in a clinical way. Yet this passage (Genesis 32) starkly shows us how God may answer our heartfelt prayers in very counter-intuitive and shocking ways. Our God is not a “tame” God.

—Tim Keller, *Studies in Genesis*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 42

Leader

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Congregation

**He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.**

We Have Come (Come, We That Love the Lord)

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 (verses); Zac Hicks, 2008 (chorus & bridge); Music:
Zac Hicks, 2008*

CHORUS

We have come to give You praise
Almighty God, lift up our gaze
Lord, we long to see Your face
Won't You come and fill this place?
Won't You come and fill this place?

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne
We now surround the throne
Our God, He rules on high, and thunders when He please
He rides upon the stormy sky, and manages the seas
He manages the seas

CHORUS

This awesome God is ours, our Father and our love
He will send down His heavenly powers to carry us above
He carries us above
So let our songs abound, and every tear be dry
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high
We long to be on high

CHORUS

We're marching up to the gates of Zion
The city of God, where the Most High dwells
Where streams make glad our fainting spirits
We now surround the throne

And worship You alone

Hallelujah to the Father

Hallelujah to the Son

Hallelujah to the Spirit

'Round the throne we have come

Jesus Messiah

by Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin

That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing, love so amazing

CHORUS

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine

Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so amazing

CHORUS

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You

All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

Confession of Sin

Leader

Our God and Father, when we behold your Son Jesus, we see your great love for us, for you sent your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us, so that whosoever believes in him would have eternal life. Since you have given us your Son, we can say with confidence, “How will you not also with Christ graciously give us all things?”

Congregation

Yet, Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even no importance fills our lives with longings that you never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus.

Fill our hearts with a desire to know him, to love him, and to serve him:

fill our mouths with words to honor and proclaim him;

give us awareness of his presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways;

grant us his grace and favor that we may confess our sins quickly and be assured of mercy forever. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 1

Leader

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)

Nathan Partain

The Lord is my salvation and my light, whom shall I fear?
He is my refuge and my strong defense
Foes rise up against me, they will fall
Though war surrounds me, yet my heart in Him is confident

CHORUS

One thing I have asked the Lord that I will seek
That I may dwell within his house to be with him
All my days to gaze upon his beauty and to find new joys in him
Whose glory has no end

In the day of trouble, he will hide me
He will shelter me under the cover of his tent
He will lift me high upon a rock above my enemies
In victory he lifts my head

CHORUS

In your mercy hear my cry, your dear presence do not hide
Though mother father may forsake, the Lord take me in
The Lord will keep me safe

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness Of the Lord
Among the land of those who live
Wait upon the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage
Do not doubt but wait for him

CHORUS

Confession of Faith

EACH WEEK WE CONFESS TRUTH SHARED BY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FROM THE LAUSANNE COVENANT, AN INTERNATIONAL 20TH CENTURY WORK.

(7. EVANGELISTIC PARTNERSHIP)

Leader

We rejoice that a new missionary era has dawned. While the dominant role of western missions is fast disappearing, God is raising up from the younger churches a great new resource for world evangelization. In this He is demonstrating that the responsibility to evangelize belongs to the whole body of Christ.

All churches should therefore be asking God and themselves what they can be doing both to reach their own area and to send missionaries to other parts of the world.

Congregation

We hope for a growing partnership of churches to develop and the universal character of Christ's Church to be more clearly exhibited. We also thank God for agencies which labor in Bible translation, theological education, the mass media, Christian literature, evangelism, missions, church renewal and other specialist fields.

Information

NURSERY

Our nursery is open for children 2 months-5 years. Please pick up your children after you take communion.

SWEET PEAS (2-18 MONTHS) | SPROUTS (18-36 MONTHS)

TWIGS (4-5 YEARS) – 9AM SERVICE ONLY

NURSING MOTHERS ROOM IS LOCATED IN THE UPSTAIRS BALCONY

INTERESTED IN A COMMUNITY GROUP?

Community groups are intentionally designed for learning, encouragement, and fellowship. If you'd like to be part of a Community Group, contact Taylor Bradbury at taylor@newcityindy.org.

ROOTED

Rooted is for children K to 5th grade. Contact Emily Winter with questions (emily@newcityindy.org). Gathers at the church.

Sign up for Remind text alerts by texting @nccroot to 81010.

Current Schedule

01/16/22 – Rooted 6-7:30
01/23/22 – Rooted 6-7:30
01/30/22 – Rooted 6-7:30
02/06/22 – No Rooted
02/13/22 – No Rooted
02/20/22 – Rooted 6-7:30

YOUTH COMMUNITY GROUP

Youth Group is for youth in 6th -12th grades. Contact Taylor Bradbury with questions (taylor@newcityindy.org).

Gathers at the church unless otherwise noted.

Current Schedule

01/16/22 – Youth Group 6-7:30
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FINANCIAL UPDATE	Year To Date
GENERAL OPERATING (01/07/22)	
Budgeted Income Projected	\$7,947
Tithes & Offerings Actual	\$6,809

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COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

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READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2022?

Would you like to read through the entire Bible in 2022? If so, consider the “ESV: Through the Bible in a Year” pamphlets on the back table. This tracks with a podcast by the same name so you can read and then listen or listen along as you read.

EARLY MORNING BOOK STUDY

“*Deeper*” by Dane Ortlund (author of *Gentle and Lowly*) is an excellent new book exploring the dynamics of growing deeper in Jesus. If you are interested in joining a Tuesday morning reading group (6-7 am, January 25-March 15) to explore this book with Pastor Roger Williams, sign up by contacting Rebekah Torzewski (rebekah@newcityindy.org). There are 8 slots available. “*Deeper*” is currently on the New City bookstand for \$12.

CARE FOR SCOTT MCALLEN

Sign up to sit with Scott McAllen so John & Kathy can attend worship together. Scan the QR code and sign up!



WOMEN’S RETREAT

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS MAILED

Giving statements for 2021 are being prepared. Please make sure that we have your most updated address with Rebekah at rebekah@newcityindy.org.

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON: GENESIS 45-48

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 30 – Congregational Meeting after 2nd service.
Feb. 12 – Grace Marriage Group #1
Feb. 18-20 – Youth Retreat
Mar. 4-5 – Women’s Retreat

Weak-Strong People

January 16, 20222 | Genesis 32:22-34 | Pastor Roger Williams

Through honest encounter with God, we come to understand the true dimensions of our sin and God's gracious provision.

Genesis 28:18-22

¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying,

“If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.”

(20 years later...)

Genesis 32

⁹ And Jacob said,

“O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac,
O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred,
that I may do you good,’ ¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of
steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your
servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have
become two camps. ¹¹ Please deliver me from the hand of my brother,
from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me,
the mothers with the children. ¹² But you said, ‘I will surely do you good,
and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be
numbered for multitude.’” ...

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants,
and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them
and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob
was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the
day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched

his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with
him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I
will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your
name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be
called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and
have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he
said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob
called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face,
and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he
passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people
of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because
he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Genesis 33 ¹ And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was
coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among
Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. ² And he put the servants with
their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph
last of all. ³ He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground
seven times, until he came near to his brother.

Matthew 16 ²⁴ “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his
cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses
his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole
world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

- Jesus

2 Corinthians 12 ⁹ But [the Lord] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my
power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my
weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ,
then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.
For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Prayer

LED BY A NEW CITY CHURCH ELDER

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Communion

Receiving communion is an active profession that, “I receive and rest on Jesus alone for salvation and humbly submit to his Lordship in my life.”

During Communion today we ask you to go to a nearby table and receive the bread and (red) wine or (white) grape juice. You do not have to hurry through the line. Bring the bread and wine back to your seat and we will all partake together.

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 people are in process with what they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion. If not participating in Communion today, we encourage you to pray through one of the prayers on the next page.

Children

Children who profess faith in Christ and have been approved to receive communion by the Elders of New City Church or the leaders of your home church are welcome to partake. Children not receiving communion are heartily welcomed to go through the line with their parents to observe what is happening.

Prayers During Communion

For those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for children of the Church:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Covenant Song

Aaron Senseman

We belong to the Lion of Judah
We are Abraham's seed
We belong to the God
And Creator of ev'rything

Let us raise up a covenant chorus
Let us bring forth our lives
To the One whose host gathers among us
And fills the skies

CHORUS

And raise up His name on high
Raise up you people of His pride
Raise up and bear the fire that's in our eyes
And in our lives that shows that we are not afraid

In His light we can never be hidden In His love we are healed
We will shine through the night Like a city upon a hill

CHORUS

No we are not afraid

He delivers His people from bondage Sets the prisoner free
He has given us love and salvation His eternal legacy

He will spare us the sword of His anger He prepares us a home
Where we'll worship in glory forever Before His throne

CHORUS X2

We are not afraid
No we are not afraid
No we are not afraid

*DURING THIS LAST SONG, WE INVITE KIDS TO GRAB SHAKERS FROM THE
BACK OF THE GYM AND PLAY ALONG WITH US.*

Shout For Joy

Paul Baloche and Lincoln Brewster

Pour out your fervent praise
There's a song to raise
Like a banner high
Lift up your grateful heart
To the Morning Star
He's alive and here with us

CHORUS

Shout for joy
For the Son of God is the Saving One, He's the Saving One!
Shout for joy
See what love has done, He has come for us, He's the Saving One!

We stood on sinking sand
He reached out His hand
Pulled us to His side
We turned our hearts away
He was strong to save
Now our Savior reigns in us

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from Galatians 6

Leader

But far be it from us to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us, and we to the world... and as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Go in peace.

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*

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