

# WORSHIP GATHERING

February 6, 2022

*Pre-service reflection:*

“Making God known is the particular business of Jesus: making the coming God of Old Testament promise the present God, showing up close and personal (in the flesh!) the character and ways of the Creator. In Jesus of Nazareth, God is brought near, made close, personal, available to his people. In the incarnation God enters a young girl’s womb and comes into our world to begin the long and blood-covered path to rescue and regenerate, to reclaim again all creation, and to fulfill the covenant promise: I will be your God, and you will be my people.”

- Michael D. Williams, *Far as the Curse is Found*. 10.

# Call to Worship

*Isaiah 40*

*Leader*

Go on up to a high mountain,  
    O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
    O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"  
Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
    and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.  
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
    he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
    and gently lead those that are with young.

*Congregation*

**Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
    and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure  
    and weighed the mountains in scales  
    and the hills in a balance?  
Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,  
    or what man shows him his counsel?  
Whom did he consult,  
    and who made him understand?  
Who taught him the path of justice,  
    and taught him knowledge,  
    and showed him the way of understanding?  
Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
    and are accounted as the dust on the scales;  
    behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.**

# Come Thou Fount

*Lyrics: Robert Robinson, Music: John Wyeth*

Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above

# Come to the Lord

*Journey Worship Co.*

Before my birth the Son was chosen  
To be the One to set me free  
While I was lost and surely hellbound  
The perfect Son would die for me

*CHORUS*

O praise the Father how He welcomes  
All His children He will save  
Praise the Lord who condescended  
Took on flesh and made a way

There on the cross the Christ was broken  
And in a tomb His body lay  
But on the third He claimed a victory  
O'er sin and death and now He reigns

*CHORUS*

O hallelujah, what a Savior  
Jesus died so I could live  
And now by faith, I do receive Him  
For He is mine and I am His

A day will come when all will see Him  
The Lamb who died and took our sin  
The God who saved us and sustained us  
Will complete what He began

To fulfill what Christ commands  
Until Heaven finally calls us  
Give us grace and strength to stand

*BRIDGE*

If you're hurting and broken, come to the Lord  
If you're weary and restless, come to the Lord  
If your burden is heavy, come to the Lord  
Come to the Lord  
If you're suffering and needy, come to the Lord  
If your hope needs restoring, come to the Lord  
If you're guilty from sinning, come to the Lord  
Come to the Lord  
If you're haughty and prideful, come to the Lord  
If you're lonely and searching, come to the Lord  
If your marriage is struggling, come to the Lord  
Come to the Lord  
If you feel like you're too far, come to the Lord  
If your past keeps you captive, come to the Lord  
If you're scared of tomorrow, come to the Lord today  
Come to the Lord  
Come to the Lord today  
Oh, come to the Lord

*[CHORUS]*

O hallelujah, what a Savior  
Jesus died so I could live  
And now by faith, I do receive Him  
For He is mine and I am His

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

*Let us confess our sin together*

*Congregation*

**We turn from our sin Gracious Father, we confess that we selfishly live our lives focused on our own desires rather than on the excellence and majesty of your worth and glory.**

**We forget that Your kingdom is at hand. Instead of fleeing from temptation and seeking first your kingdom and its righteousness, we often embrace lies and comfort ourselves with folly.**

**Forgive us and heal our hearts this day.**

**Give us a new desire to love what you love, to forgive others, and to praise our Savior. 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

*1 John 4:9-10*

*Leader*

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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

*Congregation*

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

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Stewart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom



# 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.

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

# Statement of Faith

*EACH WEEK WE CONFESS TRUTH SHARED BY CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FROM AN ADAPTATION OF "THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH," 1648.*

*(from chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity)*

## *Leader*

God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; he alone is in and to himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, to, and upon them.

## *Congregation*

**He is the only fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things, and he has complete sovereign dominion over them, to do through them, for them, or upon them whatever pleases him.**

**In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, unerring, and independent of the creature, so that nothing is contingent or uncertain to him.**

**He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands.**

**To him is due, from angels, mankind, and every other creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience God is pleased to require of them.**

# This is My Name Forever

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**THE LORD invites his people to call him by name and dares them (us!) have imagination to match.**

## Exodus 3

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘**I AM (YHWH)** has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘**The LORD (YHWH), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,** has sent me to you.’ **This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.**” <sup>16</sup>Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘**The LORD (YHWH), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,** has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt,” <sup>17</sup>and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.’”

<sup>18</sup>And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘**The LORD (YHWH), the God of the Hebrews,** has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the **LORD (YHWH) our God.**’” <sup>19</sup>But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. <sup>20</sup>So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. <sup>21</sup>And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, <sup>22</sup>but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

# 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.

# Come Alive

*Jake Espy and Jason Stocker*

Lay down your burdens lay down your pride  
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides  
Come all ye weary broken inside  
Lay down your burdens lay down your life

## *CHORUS*

Come and lift your voice  
At the throne of grace we come alive  
Let the lost rejoice  
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

## *CHORUS 2*

Let these mountains shake  
From the sound of voices multiplied  
As our souls awake  
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

In this moment, in Your presence  
Overwhelmed by love, we come alive  
We cry holy King of Glory  
Jesus Christ Your Name be lifted high

## *CHORUS*

## *CHORUS 2*

Lay down your burdens lay down your pride  
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides

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

# Take to the World

*Aaron Tate*

Go in peace to love and to serve  
Let your ears ring long  
With what you have heard

May the bread on your tongue  
Leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back  
To the place that you are from

*CHORUS*

And take to the world this love, this hope and faith  
Take to the world this rare, relentless grace  
And like the three in one,  
Know you must become what you want to save  
'cause that's still the way He takes to the world

Go, and go far  
Take light deep in the dark  
Believe what's true  
He uses all, even you

May the bread on your tongue  
Leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back  
To the place that you are from

*CHORUS X2*

# Benediction

*from 2 Corinthians 13*

*Leader*

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you...

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Go in peace.



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

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