

# WORSHIP GATHERING

February 13, 2022

*Pre-service reflection:*

Let me propose an idea. Let me suggest that you consider the possibility that your current mental idea of Jesus is the tip of the iceberg. That there are wondrous depths to him, realities about him, still awaiting your discovery. I'm not disregarding the real discipleship already at play in your life and the true discoveries of the depths of Jesus you already have made. But let me to ask you to open yourself up to the possibility that one reason you [may] see modest growth...in your life is the Jesus you are following is a junior varsity Jesus, an unwittingly reduced Jesus, an unsurprising and predictable Jesus. I'm not assuming that's the case. I'm just asking you to test yourself, with honesty.

-Dane C. Ortlund, Deeper, 22.

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 37*

*Leader*

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!  
For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.

*Congregation*

**Trust in the LORD and do good;**  
**dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**  
**Delight yourself in the LORD,**  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Commit your way to the LORD;**  
**trust in him, and he will act.**  
**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,**  
**and your justice as the noonday.**

# 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*

# Come to the Lord

*Braden Benz, Ashley Briggs, Brett Perkins, Erik Reed*

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

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

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

O Holy Spirit give us power  
To fulfill what Christ commands  
Until Heaven finally calls us  
Give us grace and strength to stand

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

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

ADAPTED FROM *PRONE TO WANDER*, BARBARA DUGUID

*Leader*

Father, You are our great king. We are eager to declare our willingness to go where you command and follow wherever you lead.

*Congregation*

**Yet we confess to you that we are very weak and fickle. We are easily distracted, frequently diverted from your ways, and quick to follow our own sinful hearts instead. As we plan our futures, we often think more of our safety, comfort, and financial profit than we do of investing our lives for the sake of your kingdom. We are eager to please our families and friends and slow to consider your calling and your glory as our highest goal.**

*Leader*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not guard your own interests, but chose to leave the comfort and riches of heaven for us.

*Congregation*

**Teach us what it means to take up our cross daily and follow you. Help us put to death our overwhelming desires to control our own lives in the present and future. Enlarge our hearts with a love and gratitude toward you so immense and powerful that following you will be our greatest joy and delight. Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Isaiah 51:11*

*Leader*

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

*Congregation*

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

# He is Worthy

*Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer*

Holy, holy is the Son of God  
None can stand before His majesty  
Beautiful beyond our highest thought  
Worthy! He is worthy!

Holy, holy is the Word made flesh  
King who bore our pain and poverty  
Come to claim the rebel and the wretch  
Worthy! He is worthy!

*CHORUS*

All glory and honor, all power and praise  
Be to Your Name, be to Your Name  
For no one could rival Your glory and fame  
We lift high the Name of Jesus

Holy, holy is the Lamb who died  
Canceling our debt at Calvary  
Rising from the grave to reign on high  
Worthy! He is worthy!

*CHORUS*

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty  
Worthy is Your Name  
Holy, holy, none beside You  
Greatly to be praised

*CHORUS*



# 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*

# 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*

Let us confess the mystery of the Trinity together:

*Congregation*

**In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity:**

**God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

**The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding;  
the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;  
and the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and  
the Son.**

# 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.

# Redemption is a Bigger Story

February 13, 2022 | Exodus 7-10 | Pastor Roger Williams

## Redemption always involves a bigger story of God's glory for our good.

**Exodus 3** <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, 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, 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..."

**Exodus 5** <sup>1</sup> Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'" <sup>2</sup> But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

**Exodus 5** <sup>10</sup> So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you straw..."

**Exodus 6** <sup>7</sup> I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

**Exodus 7** <sup>1</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. <sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. <sup>5</sup> The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

## Plagues: Dismantling the "gods" of Egypt

- 1. Water to blood red (7:14-25) ...By this you shall know that I am the LORD (7:17)**
  - Pharaoh's heart was hard
  - Against Khnum, guardian of the Nile
- 2. Frogs (8:1-15) ...so that you may know that there is no one like the LORD**
  - Pharaoh hardened his heart
  - Against Heqt – goddess of birth, represented by the frog
- 3. Gnats, or sand flies, maybe fleas? (8:16-19)**
  - Pharaoh's heart was hard
  - Against Geb, god of the earth and dust
- 4. Swarming insects (8:20-32)...that you may know that I am the LORD in the earth**
  - Pharaoh hardened his heart
  - Possibly against Khepri, god of sunrise who had the head of a beetle.
- 5. Livestock die (9:1-7)**
  - Pharaoh's heart was hard
  - Against Ptah, god of prophecy, represented by a bull; or Hathor goddess of fertility often depicted with head of a bull.
- 6. Boils (9:8-12)**
  - The Lord hardened Pharaoh's
  - Against Imhotep, the god of medicine and Isis goddess of health.
- 7. Hail (9:13-35)...so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.**
  - Pharaoh's heart was hard
  - Against Nut, the sky goddess and her father, Shue, god of wind and air
- 8. Locust (10:1-20) ...that you may know that I am the LORD (10:2)**
  - The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
  - Against a number of gods who protected crops (Nepri, Seth, etc.)
- 9. Darkness (10:21-29)**
  - The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
  - Against Amon-Ra, god of the Sun
- 10. Death of firstborn (11:1-10)**
  - The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart...(11:10)

# 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.

# How Great is Our God

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice

*CHORUS*

How great is our God,  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
All will see, how great, how great is our God

Age to age he stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, Three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

*CHORUS*

Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God (x2)

*CHORUS X2*

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

# Marvelous Light

*Ellie Holcomb and Rusty Varenkamp*

I am not who I once was  
Defined by all the things I've done  
Afraid my shame would be exposed  
Afraid of really being known  
But then You gave my heart a home

*CHORUS*

So I walked out of the darkness and into the light  
From fear of shame into the hope of life  
Mercy called my name and made a way to fly  
Out of the darkness and in - to the light

Years of keeping secrets safe  
Wondering if I could change  
'Cause when you're hiding all alone  
Your heart can turn into a stone  
And that's not the way I want to go

*CHORUS*

There's no place I'd rather be  
Your light is marvelous, Your light is marvelous  
You have come to set us free  
You are marvelous, Your light is marvelous to me

*CHORUS*

# 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.



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