

# WORSHIP GATHERING

May 17, 2020

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.

# He Will Give the Weary Strength

*Ellie Holcomb*

*CHORUS*

Those who hope in the Lord  
Will renew their strength  
They will run and not grow weary  
They will walk and not be faint  
And like a flight upon an eagle's wings  
He will give the weary strength

*CHORUS*

So lift your eyes up to the sky  
To the One who hears you when you cry  
Lift your eyes up to the sky  
To the One who hears you when you cry

*CHORUS*

He will give the weary strength

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 33*

*Leader*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.  
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

*Congregation*

**Let all the earth fear the LORD;**  
**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**  
**For he spoke, and it came to be;**  
**he commanded, and it stood firm.**

*Leader*

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.  
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.

*Congregation*

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,**  
**the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

# Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

*Eric J. Marshall*

Praise the Lord, Ye heavens adore Him  
Praise Him, angels in the height  
Sun and moon rejoice before Him  
Praise Him all ye stars of light

Praise the Lord for He hath spoken  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made

*CHORUS*

All creation join the song of praise  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy  
All of our days

Praise the Lord for He is glorious  
Never shall His promise fail  
God hath made His saints victorious  
Sin and death shall not prevail

*CHORUS*

Glory, Glory, All glory to You Lord...

Praise the God of our salvation  
Hosts on high His power proclaim  
Heaven and earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His Name

*CHORUS*

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

*Congregation*

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and we have offended against Your holy law. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us and restore those who confess their sins.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant us, Father, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and vibrant life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*From 1 Timothy 1:15*

*Leader*

The Apostle Paul says, “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost.” 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*

# Do Not Fear

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## Luke 12:4-12

<sup>4</sup>“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup>“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, <sup>9</sup>but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup>And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, <sup>12</sup>for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

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**Because of God's sovereign care over every detail of life,  
we are invited into deep trust in Him that erases all fear.**

### 1. The fear of God is intended to expel our fear of others (vss. 4-7)

J.C. Ryle: “The fear of man is one of the greatest obstacles which stand between the soul and heaven. ‘What will men say of me? What will they think of me? What will they do to me?’ How often these little questions have turned the balance against the soul, and kept people bound hand and foot by sin and the devil! Thousands would never hesitate to storm a breach or face a lion, who dare not face the laughter of relatives, neighbors, and friends.”

Ed Welch: “The fear of the Lord is a *reverent submission that leads to obedience*, and it is interchangeable with ‘worship,’ ‘rely on,’ ‘trust,’ and ‘hope in.’”

### 2. Our attitude toward Jesus should be one of fearless acknowledgement and devotion (vss. 8-12).

# 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!



# Benediction

*based on Psalm 138*

*Leader*

Go with confidence into this week,  
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.  
God will not abandon you,  
for you are the work of His hands—His own creation—  
and His love endures forever.  
So go in joy to love and serve the Lord!

Go in peace.