

WORSHIP GATHERING

September 27, 2020

Welcome

New City Church is a spiritual family defined by the good news that God has taken loving initiative in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to sinners and a sin-marred world. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, the restoration of all things has begun, beginning with those who admit their need and trust his gracious provision. This restoration will eventually reach to the ends of the earth and touch every part of creation.

This is our joyful confession
and the life-giving hope of our community.

Gathering Song

ALL MY WAYS ARE KNOWN TO YOU

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You

CHORUS

And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

CHORUS

Open up my eyes so I may see
That You have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That You my God, will walk with me

CHORUS

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-5

Leader

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Congregation

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Whom Shall I Fear

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

CHORUS

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save
You will deliver me, yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

CHORUS

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful (x2)

CHORUS X2

The God of angel armies is always by my side

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS X2

Confession of Sin

Congregation

O King and Father, Your Son died only to be raised. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life and power.

**Heal our confused minds with Your word,
heal our divided wills with Your law,
heal our troubled consciences with Your love,
heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,
all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave himself
for us. 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 John 2

Leader

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

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

Here Is Love

Robert S. Lowry, Matt Redman, William Rees

Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of life, our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

CHORUS

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

CHORUS 2

Grace and love like mighty rivers
Flowed incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

CHORUS

Here is love, vast as the ocean...

Luke 12:49–59

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

⁵⁷“And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. ⁵⁹I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.”

We must not delay in embracing the weightiness of Jesus.

Jesus, the Great Divider

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1 – Jesus’ kingdom and message divides God’s people from the unrepentant (49–53)

Timothy Keller – “Anyone who is neutral or casual to Jesus has not seen Jesus yet. You are responding to a figment of your imagination. You are responding to something you have concocted in your mind for your own safety. Please see that his text shatters that. You have to absolutely hate this man and the very idea of him and the religion that has been built up around him, or you have to give yourself to him completely and utterly.”

2 – Jesus’ kingship is disregarded and not submitted to because of spiritual blindness (54–56)

2 Corinthians 1:20 – For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.

3 – Jesus’ reconciliation should be embraced before it is too late (57–59)

God Is For Us

*James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,
Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Kleyn*

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

CHORUS

Sing with joy now, our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

CHORUS

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds us in His love (x2)

CHORUS (x2)

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Leader

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Information

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 2nd to 5th grade. Rooted will meet tonight from 6-7:30 at Christ Lutheran. For questions or additional information, contact Emily Winter at emily@newcityindy.org.

YOUTH COMMUNITY GROUP

Youth Community Group is for any youth in 6th -12th grades. Youth group will meet tonight from 6-7:30 at Christ Lutheran. For questions or additional information, contact Taylor Bradbury at taylor@newcityindy.org.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not added your information, please do so. To add and edit your profile go to instantchurchdirectory.com. Create a log in using the email you have provided New City, then edit your information and upload a picture. Contact Rebekah at rebekah@newcityindy.org for additional help.

REMIND

We would like everyone to sign up for Remind text alerts so we can easily send out reminders or alerts to the congregation. Simply send a text to 81010 and put the following codes into the message:

New City Emergency Alerts - @nccindy

Women's Events - @nccwom

Men's Events - @nccmn

Rooted - @nccroot

For questions and assistance contact Rebekah Torzewski at rebekah@newcityindy.org.

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