

WORSHIP GATHERING

November 22, 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

Feel free to join in as you find your seat and prepare for worship

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the saints Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, day-spring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing news glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer Shepherd Friend Leaving
riches without number, born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9

Leader

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

Congregation

**You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

Leader

For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

Congregation

**For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader

Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

Congregation

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

It is Well, It is Well

by Philip Paul Bliss, Todd Fields, and Horatio G. Spafford

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

CHORUS

It is well, it is well
Through the storm I am held
It is well it is well with my soul
It is well it is well
God has won, Christ prevailed
It is well it is well with my soul

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul

CHORUS

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen place is with the broken and humble, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed.

Congregation

We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. But, Father, you do not leave us in sorrow. With you there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we would love you with a holy love. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON YOUR KNEES, OR BOWING

IN YOUR SEAT, FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN.

Declaration of Pardon

1 Peter 1:18-19

Leader

“Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

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

Lift Up Thy Bleeding Hand

words: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, Andrew Osenga

music: Andrew Osenga

When wounded sore the stricken heart
Lies bleeding and unbound,
One only hand, a pierced hand,
Can salve the sinner's wound.

When sorrow swells the laden breast,
And tears of anguish flow,
One only heart, a broken heart,
Can feel the sinner's woe.

CHORUS

Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord,
Unseal that cleansing tide;
We have no shelter from our sin
But in Thy wounded side.

When penitential grief has wept o'er some foul dark spot,
One only stream,
A stream of blood,
Can wash away the blot.

Tis Jesus' blood that washes clean,
His hand that brings relief,
His heart that's touched
With all our joys,
And feels for all our grief.

CHORUS X2

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #7

(The underlined portions correspond to the Children's Catechism studied at home this week by New City families.)

Leader

What does the law of God require?

Congregation

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and there is great joy and celebration when one is found.

Seeking and Saving the Lost

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1. Jesus seeks and saves sinners

receives...goes after...seeks diligently...finds

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

2. Jesus seeks and saves sinners of all types

tax collectors and sinners...Pharisees and scribes

a. “drawing near to hear him”

Luke 14:35 *He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

b. “tax collectors and sinners”...”Pharisees and scribes”

c. “grumbled”

3. Jesus seeks and saves sinners of all types, and rejoices when one is found

Rejoice with me...joy in heaven...joy before the angels of God

Matthew 1:21 *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins*

My One Comfort

Dustin Kensrue

My one comfort
Both in life and death
Is that I am not my own
I was bought with blood
And I confess
I belong to You alone

CHORUS

By the Father's good decree
Jesus, You've delivered me
By Your Spirit set me free
To follow You

My one comfort
Both in life and death
Is that I am not my own
I was bought with blood
And I confess
I belong to You alone

CHORUS

Jesus, You have
Taken hold of me
And in Your grip of grace
I'm finally free

CHORUS

Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:58

Leader

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

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