

# **WORSHIP GATHERING**

January 3, 2021

## **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*

## **YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN**

*Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, and Wendell Kimbrough*

Your labor is not in vain  
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain.

### *CHORUS*

For I am with you, I am with you.  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown  
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
but your labor is not unknown.

### *CHORUS*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,  
for all that is old will at last be made new:  
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

### *CHORUS*

The houses you labored to build  
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.  
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
and all that is broken be healed.

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 90*

*Leader*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*Congregation*

**You return man to dust  
and say, “Return, O children of man!”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

*Leader*

So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

*Congregation*

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

# Wonderful, Merciful Savior

*Eric Wyse & Dawn Rogers*

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious redeemer and friend  
Who would have thought that a lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

## *CHORUS*

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness you find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne

## *CHORUS X2*

# 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*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to even name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what weighs us down with heavy shame.

*Congregation*

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Isaiah 59:20*

*Leader*

“The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins declares the Lord.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

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

# His Mercy Is More

*Matt Papa*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*CHORUS*

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*CHORUS*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*CHORUS (X2)*



# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #12

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

*Leader*

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

*Congregation*

**Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.**

## Prayer

## Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

## Luke 16:14-18

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

<sup>16</sup>“The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. <sup>17</sup>But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

<sup>18</sup>“Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

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**Because God's kingdom is already present in Jesus, we are called to be faithful in all spheres of life.**

**N.T. Wright** “Putting the passage together, we find the underlying challenge to be faithful: faithful in our use of money, faithful to God rather than money, faithful in our hearts not just in our outward appearances, faithful to the kingdom which has now begun in Jesus, faithful to our marriages. As soon as we begin to think of money, or land, or other people, as commodities we might own or exploit, we take a step away from our vocation to be truly human beings, God's true children, and towards the other master, who is always ready to accept new servants.”

### 1. Faithful stewardship of finances (vss. 1-13, 14)

**Robert Stein** “This material deals with how the readers will be able to face the final accounting (16:2, 22-28). To prepare for that day one must experience a repentance and faith that leads to renouncing the lordship exercised by possessions for the lordship exercised by Christ (16:13).”

### 2. Faithful stewardship of our own hearts (v. 15)

### 3. Faithful stewardship of God's Word (vss. 16-17)

### 4. Faithful stewardship of our marriages (v. 18)

# Come People of the Risen King

*Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend*

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

*CHORUS*

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

*CHORUS*

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: Our God is all in all

*CHORUS X2*

# Benediction

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Leader*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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