

WORSHIP GATHERING

February 21, 2021

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.

Gathering Song

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

TAKE HEART

Leslie Jordan, Taylor Leonhardt

Hear all you children of Heaven's promise
Shivering under clouds of gloom
Hear all you wond'ring where your God Is
Jesus weeps tonight with you

CHORUS

Take heart, take heart
He has overcome the world
Take heart, take heart
He has overcome the world

Hear all you weary, trouble's companion
Praying to find a peace unknown
Where sorrow's river hollowed a canyon
The Wounded Healer's water flows

CHORUS

Our joy is born in labor pains
Love suffers long but not in vain
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CHORUS X2

He has overcome the world

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Leader

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Congregation

**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

We Delight

Joshua Moore

CHORUS

We delight in the Law of your word

We delight in the son Who was perfect from birth

We delight in the day He's returning to earth - Hallelujah

We will bow our hearts because we are free

As we raise our hands to give you glory

Father of life and love and infinite worth

We're delivered by blood that flows from the tree

Draw us near to you, vessels of your mercy

Before the invention of man, glorious Trinity

CHORUS

We will lift our eyes to the cloud and the flame

Lord you guide our steps and restore us again

The nations of man will rejoice in the God of the wilderness

CHORUS X2

Hallelujah...

I Will Sing Praise to God

Nathan Partain

I will sing praise to God
He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help
And He filled my cup

CHORUS

His favor extends for a lifetime
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing his praise forevermore

I'll put my trust in him
God my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost
He will show me the way

CHORUS X2

My soul shall sing his praise forevermore

Confession of Sin

Leader

Our gracious God and heavenly Father, we fall short of Your glory everyday; by spending hours unwisely, by thinking the things we do are good when they are not done for Your purposes, nor come from the wisdom of Your Word. We forget to submit to Your will, and fail to be quiet there. We have been hasty and short in prayer.

Congregation

Father, in Your mercy forgive our sins. Enable us to be holy people, free from every wrong desire, and from everything contrary to Your mind. Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

Proverbs 18:10

Leader

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found ,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, What depths of peace
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #19

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

Leader

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Congregation

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

(kids version)

Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 18:1-8

¹And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

**God invites his people to persist in prayer
that his kingdom would come.**

Pray and Do Not Lose Heart

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1. Persistence in Prayer (v. 1)

Ought always to pray and not lose heart

Luke 11:9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

2. Power of Prayer (vss. 2-5)

“I will give her justice”

Michael Goheen The coming of the kingdom is a matter of power—God’s power by the Holy Spirit—to restore God’s rule. It is a work of the Spirit in the community to form their life together, and through their words and deeds to make them effective instruments of the coming kingdom. Human beings do not build God’s kingdom; it is a work of God. And thus it is that prayer, invoking God’s work among the disciples, is central to the community Jesus forms...Prayer is the means by which the power of the kingdom is made manifest in our lives. The kingdom comes as the Spirit works in response to prayer.

3. Privilege of Prayer (vss. 6-8)

God will give justice to his elect

Luke 11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Covenant Song

Aaron Senseman

We belong to the Lion of Judah, we are Abraham's seed
We belong to the God and Creator of everything

Let us raise up a covenant chorus, let us bring forth our lives
To the One whose host gathers among us and fills the skies

CHORUS

And raise up His name on high
Raise up you people of His pride
Raise up and bear the fire that's in our eyes
And in our lives that shows that we are not afraid

In His light we can never be hidden In His love we are healed
We will shine through the night Like a city upon a hill

CHORUS

No we are not afraid

He delivers His people from bondage Sets the prisoner free
He has given us love and salvation His eternal legacy

He will spare us the sword of His anger He prepares us a home
Where we'll worship in glory forever Before His throne

CHORUS X2

We are not afraid
No we are not afraid
No we are not afraid

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader

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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