

# WORSHIP GATHERING

February 28, 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*

## **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

*Francis of Assisi; Arr. Jonathan Baird*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

### *CHORUS*

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One

### *CHORUS*

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him

### *CHORUS*

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King

### *CHORUS*

# Call to Worship

*Isaiah 57*

*Leader*

And it shall be said,

“Build up, build up, prepare the way,  
remove every obstruction from my people's way.”

*Congregation*

**For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,**

**who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:**

**“I dwell in the high and holy place,**

**and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,**

**to revive the spirit of the lowly,**

**and to revive the heart of the contrite.**

# 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*

# You Are

*Peter Taylor*

Father amongst us  
Spirit within  
Son work through  
Until we see clearly again

*CHORUS*

For my strength is weak Father Father  
And my love grows thin, Son assist  
When I'm told to reach out I pull back  
Spirit deliver me from this

Breathe life into our bones  
Pierce us through with the crown of glory  
That we may proclaim you're the Holy of holies  
'til we are what you made us  
In the garden we'll be  
Broken and asking  
Yahweh do this to the Body

*CHORUS*

We lay  
This petition before you

For in our frailty You are strong  
In our mistakes You are good  
In our defeats You have won  
For You are, You are  
(repeat)

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

*Congregation*

**We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Psalm 103:8, 10*

*Leader*

“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

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

# Wood and Nails

*Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, and Madison Cunningham*

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in Me, So you may dwell in Me

## *CHORUS*

The work was done with nothing but  
Wood and nails in Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you In the Father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

## *CHORUS*

The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways, Knowing that the task is finished

The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds

The curse is done the battle won,  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared



# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #20

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

*Leader*

Who is the Redeemer?

*Congregation*

**The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.**

*(kids version)*

**The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ**

## Prayer

## Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

## Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

<sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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## 1 Peter 5:5

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

## Isaiah 66

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?

<sup>2</sup> All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word.

# Damnable Good Works

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## In a world that fosters contempt, Jesus offers a warning and a way.

Worldliness is whatever any culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness seem strange.

- David Wells, *God in the Wasteland*, 59.

## Warning: everyone who exalts himself will be humbled <sup>(9-12)</sup>

trusted...themselves...were righteous | contempt | not like other men | fast...tithe

“The main thing between you and God is not so much your sins; it's your damnable good works.” -*Dr. John Gerstner*

## Way: the one who humbles himself will be exalted <sup>(13-14)</sup>

God be merciful to me | the sinner

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer 17:9). Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ. He is altogether lovely. Such infinite majesty, and yet such meekness and grace, and all for sinners, even the chief! Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in his beams. Feel his all-seeing eye settled on you in love, and repose in his almighty arms. . . Let your soul be filled with a heart-ravishing sense of the sweetness and excellency of Christ and all that is in Him. Let the Holy Spirit fill every chamber of your heart; and so there will be no room for folly, or the world, or Satan, or the flesh.

-*Memoir and Remains of the Rev. Robert Murray M<sup>c</sup>Cheyne*, 1894, 293.

# 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*

# 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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