

# WORSHIP GATHERING

March 7, 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*

## **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

*Stewart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain off searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 78*

*Leader*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

*Congregation*

**He established a testimony in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers  
to teach to their children,  
that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children,  
so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;  
and that they should not be like their fathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

# The Lord is My Joy

*Nathan Partain*

The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy  
When all that I have is lost, I find the Lord is my joy  
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength  
When I am too weak to go on, I find the Lord is my strength

## *CHORUS*

My all in all is He, my healing King  
My master tends to me, for him my soul shall sing

The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock  
When all I have faith in fails, I find the Lord is my rock  
The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight  
Above all the joys of life, I find the Lord is my delight

## *CHORUS 2*

My all in all is He, my breath, my song  
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belongs

I wait, and wait upon You to come for me in rescue  
Give strength, My heart is failing yet still my lips will praise You (x2)

And with His wings He covers me, He keeps His watch when I'm asleep  
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything (x2)  
And with a sword He guards me, He keeps watch when I'm asleep  
He crushes all my enemies, I give my savior everything

## *CHORUS 3*

My all in all is He, my closest friend  
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends

# It is Well

*by Philip Paul Bliss, 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  
With my soul  
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*

Let us confess our sin together.

*Congregation*

**Heavenly Father, we have turned from Your ways like lost sheep and have followed too much the twisted desires of our own hearts.**

**In many ways this week, we have not done what we should and have done what we should not; and there is no true health in us apart from Christ.**

**Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake, and strengthen us that we may now live a godly and joyful life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*from Psalm 130*

*Leader*

“If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be revered.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

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

# Cornerstone

*Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder  
Bradbury*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*CHORUS*

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

*CHORUS X2*

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand before the throne



# Confession of Faith

*NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #21*

*(This week the adults and kids version is exactly same.)*

*Leader*

What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

*Congregation*

**One who is truly human and also truly God.**

## Prayer

## Sermon

*SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT*

## Luke 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

# The Tender Clarity of Jesus

Luke 18:15-17 | March 7, 2021 | Pastor Roger Williams

**Jesus gladly gives the Kingdom to children,  
but only to children.**

Tenderness of Jesus: let the children come

Clarity of Jesus: only children can come

**Matthew 18 1** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

## Numbers 6

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.

**Deuteronomy 4 9** “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children...”

## From Michael Goheen, *A Light To the Nations*, 221 ff.

“[the Bible]..warns against two threats to the people of God that would prohibit them from becoming a light to the nations: idolatry and failure to pass along the faith to the next generation. The alarming statistics that indicate the rapid exodus of the younger generation from the Western church highlights these warning. The remarkable power of technology to shape worldview along with the enormous amount of time young people spend with its many forms makes the small amount of time they spend in Christian nurture seem almost negligible by comparison. The best preaching, worship, and education programs of a church simply cannot compete with television, movies, the internet, cell phones, Facebook, Twitter, and the ever-expanding list of technologies that shape our vision of the world. If families are not taught to make radical, costly, and time-consuming commitments to nurturing their children, the future of the church as a missional community in the West will be bleak.”

[Goheen’s beginning suggestions]

**Family worship** – praying together, catechism, and talking about life together in view of Scriptural teaching.

**Education** – forming kids educationally through a biblical view of the world and world events – either through explicitly Christian education or engaged parenting, conversation, and constructive criticism of public education.

**Discerning use of technology** – refusing to ignore the shaping power of technology, being “in charge” of how tech shapes the home, and modeling wise use of technology as parents.

**Understanding the cultural context** – while affirming beauty and creativity, teaching kids to soberly identify cultural idols and hidden assumptions present in advertising, popular culture, entertainment.

**Participating in the body of Christ** – kids participating in the life of the church, having their desires shaped by Christian community, and modeling the same as parents.

# 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

*Numbers 6*

*Leader*

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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