

WORSHIP GATHERING

March 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.

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1

Leader

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Congregation

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Leader

Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Congregation

Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

We Shall Sing

Nathan Partain

CHORUS

We shall sing with hearts on fire. We shall rise and not be ashamed.
We shall look and all be radiant. We shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning,
Cut down by greed, used up, bereft.
What death has taken, or curse has ruined,
Jesus has turned, upon its head.

CHORUS

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...
To what we shall see.

Though we outwardly seem to be wasting away,
Instead inwardly we, are more new day by day.
Though we don't see Him now, yet our hearts still believe.
And our hope cannot die, 'til our joy is complete.

And so we wait, the children hunger,
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.
Though weeping lasts, throughout this long night,
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.

CHORUS

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...
As we tremble with love when we meet in the end.
The whole world of despair is not worth being compared
To what we shall see.

Leader

What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both
in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

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

Come Thou Fount

Lyrics: Robert Robinson, Music: John Wyeth

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Confession of Sin

Congregation

**Lord, we are guilty—
of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find Your mind in Your Word,
of neglect to seek You in our daily lives.**

**Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences
with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For
we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.
Amen**

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

Declaration of Pardon

from Heidelberg Catechism 18

Leader

And who is this mediator—true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous? Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Death Was Arrested

*Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker, Heath Balltzglier, Paul Taylor,
and Paul Taylor Smith*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #23

Leader

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

Congregation

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

(kids version)

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 18:31-43

³¹And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

What Do You Want Me To Do for You?

March 21, 2021 | Luke 18:31-41 | Pastor Roger Williams

I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.

- Charles Spurgeon

I'd rather kiss the wave after it's battered and thrown me against the Rock instead of while it is battering and throwing me.

- Lore Ferguson Wilbert

Romans 5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign
At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
For with wisdom and mercy and justice He reigns
At the Father's side

CHORUS

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb,
Who was slain for the world, rule in power!"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign,
As the King of all Kings
and the Lord of all Lords!"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits which cannot be denied
As the Father has told us, for these You have died
For the nations that gather before You

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign
At the Father's side

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from Psalm 16

Leader

This week may you experience God to be one who preserves you and in whom you take refuge.

He makes known to us the path of life; in his presence there is fullness of joy; at his right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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