

WORSHIP GATHERING

April 18, 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

Isaiah 55:1-3

Leader

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Congregation

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Leader

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Congregation

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

Praise to the Lord

Joachim Neander Arr. and addl. chorus by Nathan and Christy Nockels

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

CHORUS

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

CHORUS X2

Give Thanks to the Lord

words: Brad Smith, arr. David Hampton

Give thanks to the Lord for the works of His hands
For a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Give thanks to the Lord, for we all now can stand
And fear not of being forsaken

CHORUS

Give thanks to the Lord for His righteousness,
Give thanks to the Lord for His love
Let us worship His name and His holiness
Give thanks to the Lord! Oh, Give thanks to the Lord!
Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Father for sending His Son
Give thanks to the Son for the Spirit
Now lift up your voices to God three in one
And shout so the whole world can hear it

CHORUS X2

Lord, I Need You

Daniel Carson , Kristian Stanfill , Christy Nockels , Matt Maher , Jesse Reeves

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

CHORUS

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, My righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

CHORUS

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

CHORUS

My one defense
My righteousness
Oh God, how I need You ...

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

God of Grace, You love us, but we have often not loved You.

You call, but we have often not listened.

We sometimes walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

By our actions and our attitudes we often praise what You condemn.

Help us to admit our sin so that we may delight to come to you for mercy, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From 1 Corinthians 15

Leader

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Come to Me

Buddy Greene

CHORUS

Come to me
All who are weary
And heavy laden,
And I will give you rest, rest, rest
I'll give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you
And learn from me
For I am gentle
And humble at heart
And you will find
Rest for your soul
For my yoke is easy
And my burden is light.

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CHORUS

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #27

Leader

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

Congregation

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

(kids version)

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Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Jesus brings us rest for our souls
in the midst of a restless world.**

Tim Keller “God appointed the Sabbath to remind us that he is working and resting. To practice Sabbath is a disciplined and faithful way to remember that you are not the one who keeps the world running, who provides for your family, not even the one who keeps your work projects moving forward.”

Rest for Your Souls

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1. Who Jesus is: *gentle and lowly*

Dane Ortlund “You don’t need to unburden or collect yourself and then come to Jesus. Your very burden is what qualifies you to come. No payment is required; he says, “I will *give* you rest.” His rest is gift, not transaction. Whether you are actively working hard to crowbar your life into smoothness (“labor”) or passively finding yourself weighed down by something outside your control (“heavy laden”), Jesus Christ’s desire that you find rest, that you come in out of the storm, outstrips even your own.” (*Gentle and Lowly*, 20–21)

Dane Ortlund “If we are asked to say only one thing about who Jesus is, we would be honoring Jesus’s own teaching if our answer is, gentle and lowly.” (*Gentle and Lowly*, 21)

2. What Jesus offers: *rest for your souls*

Augustine of Hippo “You have made us for Yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”

ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible Notes “Jesus now invites all who hear or read his words to experience the refreshment of being his disciple.”

Awake My Soul

Sandra McCracken

The image of God invisible, the firstborn of all life
Before and within, He holds it all in
One name, one faith, one Christ

CHORUS

No one is good enough to save himself
Awake my soul tonight to boast nothing else

I trust no other source or name
Nowhere else can I hide
This grace gives me fear
And this grace draws me near
And all that it asks it provides

CHORUS

No seam in this garment
All my rags to hide
No less than your love
For Jesus is mine

When I stand on the edges of Jordan
With the saints and the angels beside
When my body is healed, And the glory revealed
Still I can boast only Christ

CHORUS X 2

...To boast nothing else

Benediction

Based on Matthew 11:28–30

Leader

May you go to Jesus, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn from him, for he is gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

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