

WORSHIP GATHERING

May 16, 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

Psalm 118

Leader

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

Congregation

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

**This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Congregation

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

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

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 Sin

Leader

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

Congregation

We have often followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and have wandered from Your way of life.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us and restore all who confess their sins.

Restore those who are repentant, according to Your promises declared to us in Jesus.

And strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit to live godly, righteous, and vibrant lives, 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 1 Timothy 1:15

Leader

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

The Cup Was Not Removed

Ben Wolverton, Justin Tweito, Taylor Agan

The cup was not removed, He drank it all
See Him hanging there where I belong
His tears were as scarlet, but there in the garden
The cup was not removed

O praise the Lamb who takes away my sin
He tore the veil, now I can enter in
For all my days my soul will praise Him

The law was not removed, it was fulfilled
The prayers of all the prophets now revealed
In the image of the Father, the yes of every promise
The law was not removed

CHORUS

O praise the Lamb who takes away my sin
He tore the veil, now I can enter in
For all my days my soul will praise Him
O praise the One with scars in his hands
O praise the Son who died and rose again
For all my days my soul will praise Him

My sins are now removed, yes every one
Taken by my Jesus at the cross
As far as east and west, I see His righteous ness
My sins are now removed
O praise Him, O praise Him

CHORUS

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #31

Leader

What do we believe by true faith?

Congregation

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Baptism

FIRST SERVICE

ABIGAIL ELIZABETH SUGIMURA

SECOND SERVICE

FORD ANDREW HELM

Every Mother, Every Father

Andy Bast, Bruce Benedict

Every mother
Every father
Called to raise up
Sons or daughters

May your heart be patient
May your mind be clear
May our God be with you
And calm your fears

Luke 20:1-18

¹One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up ²and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.” ³He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, ⁴was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” ⁵And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ ⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” ⁷So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The Authority of Jesus

May 16, 2021 | Luke 20:1-18 | Pastor Roger Williams

Matthew 11 ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Glad submission to the authority of Jesus
is the way of life in the new world.**

The humility of Jesus’s authority

⁸ “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The goodness of Jesus’s authority

⁹A man planted a vineyard...

¹⁷ “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”

The warning of Jesus’s authority

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Sermon & Communion

New City has moved back to using “regular” elements in celebrating Communion. We will pass out the bread and red wine/white grape juice. Please hold both the bread and wine/juice and we will partake together.

Should you take Communion?

This is a “means of grace”— a method of encouragement and spiritual nourishment from God for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ and have received the sign of baptism. This is not for perfect people, it’s for broken people who are honest about their sin and trust in the mercy of Jesus. However, if you are harboring secret or unrepented sin or are in unaddressed conflict with another Christian, we ask that you first repent or go and be reconciled before coming to the table.

New City is happy to be a community where many are in process with that they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion.

Children

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking Communion. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be in this conversation.

Guided Prayers

If searching for the truth

“God, I want to ask good questions and be teachable to receive answers. I want to feel permission to wrestle, doubt, and question, yet not be satisfied with remaining perpetually here. I need humility to be an honest appraiser of my own longings and struggles, and how sin might be active in these. In this search, please meet me.”

If struggling

“Jesus, please show me any misplaced longings in my heart. Enable me to look to you alone for contentment and for the rest my soul craves. Please give me faith to see you as one who has encountered the burden of my struggle, yet overcome temptation and restlessness as my champion.”

If at a place of belief

“Lord, I admit the extent of my weakness and sinfulness, and the expanse of your lavish love and forgiveness. I believe you have accepted me because of the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you for this gift of grace. Thank you for paying my debt for sin and cleansing my heart through the gospel. By faith, I want to turn from my sin and receive Jesus as my Rescuer and Ruler.”

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached, and we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin

CHORUS

Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise

CHORUS

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save, can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from 1 Peter 2

Leader

As you depart, know that you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

Tom Abbett, Katie Blodgett, Megan Flahive, Dave Ostendorf,
Rich Scott (Chairman), Emily Taylor, Paul Taylor, Rebekah Torzewski, Chris
Vincent, Teresa Wedges

ACTIVE ELDERS (THE “SESSION”)

Michael Erler, Ben Flack, Daryl Kapp, John McAllen, Mark Moss, Joe Sugimura,
Dustin Sutherland, Caleb Winter (Clerk)

STAFF

Taylor Bradbury — *Associate Pastor*

Ben Flack — *Director of Liturgy*

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