NWORSHIP GATHERING

May 23, 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 lesus Christ.

Welcome.

Call to Worship

Psalm 24

Leader

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

Congregation

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Leader

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Congregation

Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty he is the King of glory.

Glorified

Praise belongs to You, Let every kingdom bow Let every ocean roar, Let every heart adore You now

Praise belongs to You, What can I do but sing The greatest joy I've found is to lay a crown before my King, Before my King

CHORUS

I've come to worship, I've come to lift up Your name For You deserve this life laid down like the one that You gave I have but one voice, One heart, and one sacrifice So would you take this life laid down and be glorified Be glorified

Praise belongs to You, Let songs of children rise You silence all Your foes, You set Your glory in the skies Praise belongs to You, Creation's calling now For the King to be revealed, Oh King of Heaven come down *CHORUS X2*

Be glorified

All I Have Is Christ

by Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

CHORUS Hallelujah all I have is Christ Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose And let my song forever be my only boast is You *CHORUS X2*

Cornerstone

E. Mote, E. Liljero, J. Myrin, R. Morgan, W. 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 Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

Congregation

Heavenly Father, sin is our disease, our monster, our enemy, born in our birth, alive in our life, strong in our character, controlling our abilities, following us as a shadow, intermingling with our every thought, our chain that holds us captive. And yet we embrace sin still.

God has shown us his tender compassions, his heart moves quickly to our rescue, his love endured our curse, his mercy bore our justice.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From Hebrews 10:19–22

Leader

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

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 #32

Leader What do justification and sanctification mean?

Congregation

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Leader What do justification and sanctification mean?

(kids version)

Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness. **Luke 20** ⁹ And 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... ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others...

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

²¹ So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

²³ But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴ "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?"

They said, "Caesar's."

²⁵ He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

Romans 13 ¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Acts 5²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

Render to God the things that are God's

May 23, 2021 | Luke 20:19-26 | Pastor Roger Williams

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

1. Recognize the Resistance (19-21)

Romans 7 ¹⁵ For 1 do not understand my own actions. For 1 do not do what 1 want, but 1 do the very thing 1 hate. ¹⁶ Now if 1 do what 1 do not want, 1 agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer 1 who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For 1 know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For 1 have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For 1 do not do the good 1 want, but the evil 1 do not want is what 1 keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if 1 do what 1 do not want, it is no longer 1 who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

2 Corinthians 10 ³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2. Release the Agenda (21)

3. Render to God the things that are God's (22-26)

Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Leader

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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