

WORSHIP GATHERING

June 6, 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

From Psalm 116

Leader

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Congregation

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Leader

What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

Congregation

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader

Praise the Lord!

Come and Listen

David Crowder

Come and listen

Come to the water's edge all you

Who know and fear the Lord

Come and listen

Come to the water's edge all you

Who are thirsty, come

Let me tell you what He

Has done for me

Let me tell you what He

Has done for me

He has done for you

He has done for us

CHORUS

Come and listen

Come and listen to what He's done

Come and listen

Come and listen to what He's done

Praise our God for He is good

Praise our God for He is good

Praise our God for He is good

Praise our God for He is good

He has done for me

He has done for you

He has done for us

CHORUS

Jesus Everlasting King

Isaac Watts, Matthew S. Smith

CHORUS

Jesus, everlasting King,
Accept the tribute which we bring;
Accept the well deserved renown,
And wear our praises as Your crown

O send Your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Your pledge of love.

CHORUS

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold

CHORUS

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb

CHORUS

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all His Father's glories on

CHORUS X2

One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)

Nathan Partain

The Lord is my salvation and my light, whom shall I fear?
He is my refuge and my strong defense
Foes rise up against me, they will fall
Though war surrounds me, yet my heart in Him is confident

CHORUS

One thing I have asked the Lord that I will seek
That I may dwell within his house to be with him
All my days to gaze upon his beauty and to find new joys in him
Whose glory has no end

In the day of trouble, he will hide me
He will shelter me under the cover of his tent
He will lift me high upon a rock above my enemies
In victory he lifts my head

CHORUS

In your mercy hear my cry, your dear presence do not hide
Though mother father may forsake, the Lord take me in
The Lord will keep me safe

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness Of the Lord
Among the land of those who live
Wait upon the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage
Do not doubt but wait for him

CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

Congregation

We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is for-giveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

1 Peter 1:18–19

Leader

“Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Psalm 116 (I Love You, Lord)

Jessica Ray Langdon

CHORUS

I love You, Lord
For You have delivered me
I love You, Lord
For You have delivered
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living
My soul from death
My feet from stumbling
I will walk in the land of the living

I will bless You, Lord, for You heard my cry
I reached out my hand and You saved my life
I will bless You, Lord for You heard my plea
And the God of Heaven turned His ear to me

I will bless You, Lord for unending love
For Your grace and mercy raining down from above
I will bless You, Lord to the very end
I will call on You as long as I may live

CHORUS

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #34

Leader

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Congregation

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

(kids version)

Yes, so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Luke 20:45 – 21:4

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

21 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

**The gospel of the kingdom creates in us humility
that causes us to give generously.**

ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible “God cares about the inner person and wants our affections to be rightly ordered. That is, to receive Jesus' message is to gladly reorient our loves and values according to God's kingdom...Here Jesus addresses a crucial heart condition that will result in condemnation: performance for the sake of the praise of others.”

Beware of the Scribes

June 6, 2021 | Luke 20:45 – 21:4 | Pastor Taylor Bradbury

1. Beware of the scribes: pride, selfishness, and living for the approval of others (vss. 45–47)

Luke 16:14–15 “The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

C. S. Lewis A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down you can't see something that is above you.

J. C. Ryle We are all naturally self-righteous. It is the family disease of all the children of Adam.

Galatians 5:22–23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

2. The giving of the poor widow: a changed heart that gives generously (21:1–4)

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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.

Tell Out My Soul

words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1962 ; music: Holly Dutton, 2004

Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of His word
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul the greatness of His name!
Make known His might the deeds His arm has done
His mercy sure from age to age the same
His holy name-the Lord the mighty One

Tell out, my soul the greatness of His might!
Powers, dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise and His mercy sure
Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Benediction

Based on Psalm 116

Leader

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please for mercy. For he has delivered our souls from death and
our feet from stumbling. Let us walk before the Lord in the land of
the living.

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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Michael Erler, Ben Flack, Daryl Kapp, John McAllen, Mark Moss, Joe Sugimura,
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