

WORSHIP GATHERING

July 11, 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.

If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by an offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

-C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Leader

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Congregation

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,**

**I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

Your Labor is Not in Vain

Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, and Wendell Kimbrough

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

CHORUS

For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

CHORUS

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

CHORUS

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

CHORUS

All Things Together

Andrew Peterson

He's the image of the invisible God
The firstborn of creation
By Him, all things were created
In heaven and earth, seen and unseen
Rulers, dominions, and powers and kings

CHORUS

(He holds) all things, all things, all things together
He holds all things, all things, all things together

He is the head of the body, the church
The firstborn from the dead
So in everything, He is the head
And the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
In Him to reconcile to Himself

CHORUS

Through Him and for Him, all things remain
Through Him and for Him, all things remain
He is above all things, in Him all things hold together
Through Him and for Him, all things remain
Through Him and for Him, all things remain
He is above all things, in Him all things hold together

He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross
He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross

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

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

Congregation

Lord, you know when we are how often we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship;

Leader

Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

Congregation

Forgive us and make us clean, strengthen us to obey your call to take up your cross and follow you in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From Romans 4:7–8

Leader

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

In Christ, you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS (X2)

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #39

Leader

With what attitude should we pray?

Congregation

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

(kids version)

Leader

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Congregation

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Welcome: McBride Family

Welcome to the Mike and Mandy McBride family!

The McBride's have returned to the Midwest to begin a new PCA church in the south Indianapolis suburbs and will be worshipping with New City for several months while gathering a team to begin this new work. Please welcome them into your lives and our church! Also, prayerfully consider ways you may be involved in encouragement, support, and/or participation in this new work.

Raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mike studied engineering at Purdue University and worked as a project manager with Accenture for eight years on projects building advanced fighter jets, Dell computers, and the Georgia Aquarium. Mandy served as a director of women's ministry at a large church, then as a professional family counselor. After attending Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Mike and Mandy moved to San Diego in 2009 to plant with the Harbor church planting network. They planted Parkside Church in one of the urban neighborhoods bordering Balboa Park.

Mike and Mandy enjoy camping, hiking and rock climbing with their kids and friends, coaching little league baseball, and a good pick-up game of soccer or basketball. They both enjoy classic literature, compelling biographies, and just about any good story. They love spending time with neighbors with their four kids: Olivia, Joseph, Greta and Henry, and dog Ridley.

The Hour and Power of Darkness

July 11, 2021 | Luke 22:39-62 | Pastor Roger Williams

Jesus delivers from the hour and power of darkness.

Luke 22 ³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

The power of darkness is distress, but Jesus brings comfort.

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

The power of darkness is deception, but Jesus brings clarity.

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

The power of darkness is distance, but Jesus brings compassion.

Sermon & Communion

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

Based on Ephesians 3:17-19

Leader

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith...and may you have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

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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