

WORSHIP GATHERING

August 15, 2021

Pre-service reflection:

And then—oh joy! For he was there: the huge Lion, shining white in the moonlight, with his huge black shadow underneath him.

But for the movement of his tail he might have been a stone lion, but Lucy never thought of that. She never stopped to think whether he was a friendly lion or not. She rushed to him. She felt her heart would burst if she lost a moment. And the next thing she knew was that she was kissing him and putting her arms as far round his neck as she could and burying her face in the beautiful rich silkiness of his mane.

“Aslan, Aslan. Dear Aslan,” sobbed Lucy. “At last.”

The great beast rolled over on his side so that Lucy fell, half sitting and half lying between his front paws. He bent forward and just touched her nose with his tongue. His warm breath came all round her. She gazed up into the large wise face.

“Welcome, child,” he said.

“Aslan,” said Lucy, “you’re bigger.”

“That is because you are older, little one,” answered he.

“Not because you are?”

“I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia*, (1951, 1994) 141.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90

Leader

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Congregation

You return man to dust

and say, “Return, O children of man!”

For a thousand years in your sight

are but as yesterday when it is past,

or as a watch in the night.

Leader

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Congregation

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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

Come Alive

Jake Espy and Jason Stocker

Lay down your burdens lay down your pride
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides
Come all ye weary broken inside
Lay down your burdens lay down your life

CHORUS

Come and lift your voice
At the throne of grace we come alive
Let the lost rejoice
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

CHORUS 2

Let these mountains shake
From the sound of voices multiplied
As our souls awake
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

In this moment, in Your presence
Overwhelmed by love, we come alive
We cry holy King of Glory
Jesus Christ Your Name be lifted high

CHORUS

CHORUS 2

Lay down your burdens lay down your pride
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides

Wounded Healer

Audrey Assad

Image of the invisible
In our pain we feel you near
God of heaven in flesh and bone
By your wounds we shall be healed

CHORUS

Wounded healer
We give our hearts to you
Wounded healer
We give our hearts to you

Arms stretched out
Not to part the sea
But to open up the grave
Blood poured out
Not for war but peace
And to show us God's own face

CHORUS

No fire, no fury, just death into life
Over and over 'til all things are right
No fire, no fury, just death into life
Over and over 'til all things are right

CHORUS X2

Confession of Sin

Leader

Heavenly Father, we come before You confessing our sins: thoughts that are not like Your thoughts, selfish desires and evil passions, and their wicked fruit—cruel words and unjust acts.

Congregation

Keep us from pride and arrogance, and from scornful judgment of others. Keep us from worshipping the blessings that You have given us. Keep us from trusting in anything except Your grace.

Lord, You know our temptations and struggles. Show mercy on us that we may be strengthened each day by Your Holy Spirit, to serve You in the joy of liberty. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving 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!

It is Well, It is Well

by Philip Paul Bliss, Todd Fields, and Horatio G. Spafford

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

CHORUS

It is well, it is well
Through the storm I am held
It is well it is well with my soul
It is well it is well
God has won, Christ prevailed
It is well it is well with my soul

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul

CHORUS

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

CHORUS

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #45

Leader

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

Congregation

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

(kids version)

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He Opened to Us the Scriptures

August 22, 2021 | Luke 24:13-49 | Pastor Taylor Bradbury

Luke 24:13-49

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the

Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Prayer

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.

Our God

Chris Tomlin

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

CHORUS

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, Awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

CHORUS

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?

CHORUS

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

Romans 15:13

Leader

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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,
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Ben Flack — *Director of Liturgy*

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