

New Life Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Parking-Lot Worship, September 20, 2020

**Prelude**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

**Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

**Pre-Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

**Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**Verse 3**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

**Verse 4**

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

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Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

**Chorus**

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Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**Bridge**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

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**Chorus**

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**Prayer**

**Quote of the day**

*Love is always bestowed as a gift - freely, willingly  
and without expectation. We don't love to be loved;  
we love to love.* — Leo Buscaglia

**Announcements**

**Congregational Meeting:**

The Session of New Life Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting Sunday, September 20, 2020, following the outdoor worship service for the purpose of approving the Terms of Call for Pastor Riz Prakasim for 2021. The meeting will be held in the parking lot due to the pandemic. We strongly encourage active members to attend so that we have a quorum and then vote. Votes can be called in to the office beforehand for those unable to attend.

Annual Reports Due October 1st

## Call to Worship:

Give thanks to the Lord!

**Call upon the name of the Lord!**

God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

**God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.**

Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

**Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others.**

Come let us celebrate and worship God!

## Call to Confession

God offers us grace, and yet we grumble. God hears our grumbling and provides, and yet we want more. God's generosity knows no bounds, and yet we begrudge God's goodness.

Recognizing the many ways we miss the mark of discipleship, we come to a time of confession, grateful that God's loving kindness persists even in the face of our ongoing sin. Let us confess our sins before God and one another, first in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

## Silence

### Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late-comers as you are with us, after all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but to save sinners. Friends believe in the promise of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus

Peace be with you

**And also with you.**

## Hymn

### “Who You Say I Am”

#### Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

#### Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God Yes I am

#### Verse 2

Free at last He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

#### Chorus 2

In my Father's house There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God Yes I am

#### Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

#### Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

## Scripture

### Philippians 1:21-30

So how am I to respond? I've decided that I really don't care about their motives, whether mixed, bad, or indifferent. Every time one of them opens his mouth, Christ is proclaimed, so I just cheer them on!

And I'm going to keep that celebration going because I know how it's going to turn out. Through your faithful prayers and the generous response of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, everything he wants to do in and through me will be done. I can hardly wait to continue on my course. I don't expect to be embarrassed in the least. On the contrary, everything happening to me in this jail only serves to make Christ more accurately known, regardless of whether I live or die. They didn't shut me up; they gave me a pulpit! Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his bounty. Life versus even more life! I can't lose.

<sup>22-26</sup> As long as I'm alive in this body, there is good work for me to do. If I had to choose right now, I hardly know which I'd choose. Hard choice! The desire to break camp here and be with Christ is powerful. Some days I can think of nothing better. But most days, because of what you are going through, I am sure that it's better for me to stick it out here. So I plan to be around awhile, companion to you as your growth and joy in this life of trusting God continues. You can start looking forward to a great reunion when I come visit you again. We'll be praising Christ, enjoying each other.

<sup>27-30</sup> Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ. Let nothing in your conduct hang on whether I come or not. Your conduct must be the same whether I show up to see things for myself or hear of it from a distance. Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. Your courage and unity will show them what they're up against: defeat for them, victory for you—and both because of God. There's far more to this life than trusting in Christ. There's also suffering for him. And the suffering is as much a gift as the trusting. You're involved in the same

kind of struggle you saw me go through, on which you are now getting an updated report in this letter.

### Matthew 20:1-16

“God's kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.

<sup>3-5</sup> “Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went.

<sup>5-6</sup> “He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o'clock. At five o'clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, ‘Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “They said, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them to go to work in his vineyard.

<sup>8</sup> “When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, ‘Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.’

<sup>9-12</sup> “Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, ‘These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.’

<sup>13-15</sup> “He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> “Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”

**Hymn****“Fairest Lord Jesus”****Verse 1**

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature  
 O Thou of God and man the Son  
 Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor  
 Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

**Verse 2**

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands  
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
 Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer  
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing

**Verse 3**

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight  
 And all the twinkling starry host  
 Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer  
 Than all the angels heav'n can boast

**Verse 4**

Beautiful Saviour Lord of all the nations  
 Son of God and Son of Man  
 Glory and honor praise adoration  
 Now and forevermore be Thine

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August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben |  
 Joseph August Seiss

**New Elder Ordination & Installation****Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering Our Lives & Gifts to God****Offering Music**

Boston Imposters

**Generous God, receive these gifts as an outward sign of our inward gratitude. We cannot repay you for your goodness to us, but we know you accept that which is given in faith. Take and distribute this offering in ways that show forth your mercy and goodness. Multiply what we offer in ways that nourish others hungry to know they are your beloved people. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**Benediction**

Go out from here  
 as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,  
**where the last are first and the first are last,**  
 where needs are met in miraculous ways,  
**and there is grace enough for us all!**  
 Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering.  
**We stand firm in the spirit; strive side by side; and live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.**

And may the blessing of God,  
 the love of Jesus Christ,  
 and the presence of the Holy Spirit  
 surround you and sustain you now and always.  
**Amen.**