

New Life Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Worship – 11/22/2020

**Prelude in C Minor Op. 36 No. 1**

Mendelssohn  
Julie Lueck, Musician

**Prayer**

**Quote of the day**

*No, no, we are not satisfied and will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.” — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Announcements**

The Session of New Life Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting Sunday, November 22nd, 2020, following the worship service to **receive the Annual Report** that includes the church financials. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. If you are unable to participate via Zoom, the phone number is **312 626 6799**

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**Call to Worship:**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God’s;

**We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

**Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.**

For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever,

**And God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

Come let us celebrate and worship God!

**Call to Confession**

We are often oblivious to God’s near presence, consumed by our own interests and unable rightly to see and treat others. Our God is merciful, eager to forgive, seeking us out and able to transform. Confident in the character and power of God, we boldly confess our sin. First individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

**Silence**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of all, we confess, that we have often put other priorities ahead of our loyalty to you. We focus on ourselves and become unable to tend to those in need. We obsess on our own desires to the detriment of your creation. We dismiss those without earthly status and seek out those we think can benefit us. We forget that following you means caring for those most in need of compassion and relief. Forgive us, merciful Lord. Free us from a past we cannot change. Turn us toward you. Shape us into a people who better resemble you, Christ our King, Jesus our servant Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Christ alone is judge and Christ is merciful, eager to forgive and abounding in steadfast love.

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 – King of Kings

### *Verse 1*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

### *Chorus*

Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

### *Verse 2*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering

You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

### *Verse 3*

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

### *Verse 4*

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me.

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## Scripture

### **Hebrews 11:1-3**

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

### **Matthew 9:9-13**

Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, "Come along with me." Matthew stood up and followed him.

Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew's house with his close followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus' followers. "What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and riffraff?"

Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: 'I'm after mercy, not religion.' I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders."

**Sermon            Operation De-escalation  
                         Elder Peter Marchetto**

**Hymn                Give Thanks for Those  
                         Whose Faith is Firm**

#### *Verse 1*

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm  
When all around seems bleak  
On God's good promise they rely  
So while they live and when they die  
How forcefully they speak  
The strong who once were weak

#### *Verse 2*

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear  
Beyond mere mortal sight  
Who seek the city God has planned  
The true eternal promised land  
And steer towards that light  
A beacon ever bright

#### *Verse 3*

Give thanks for those whose love is pure  
A sparking precious stone  
They show by what they say and do  
An inward beauty warm and true  
For God's concerns they own  
His love through them is known

#### *Verse 4*

Give thanks for saints of ages past  
And saints alive today  
Though often by this world despised  
Their hearts by God are richly prized  
Give thanks that we may say  
We share their pilgrim way

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### **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**

**O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**  
Julie Lueck & The Boston Imposters

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, we pray for a spirit of wisdom, the wisdom to know whom to follow and how to treat one another, the wisdom to steward the gifts you have entrusted us in ways that bring you glory, the wisdom to worship you and you alone. Take these gifts, we pray, bless and use them that the least of these members of your family would be fed, visited, cared for and clothed in your name. Amen.**

## **Benediction**