

New Life Presbyterian Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 17, 2021

**Prelude**

**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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**Prayer**

**Quote of the day**

*Lead, follow, or get out of the way.*

— Laurence J. Peter

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Come into worship,  
and see what God has in store for us  
today!

**We have busy lives, but still, we're  
curious.**

Come into God's presence, and see the  
difference love makes!

**We've been burned by love before, but  
still, we're needy**

Come into the light and see the glory of God!

**Our eyes have been closed for so long, but still, we yearn for the light.**

Come and see! Come let us celebrate and worship God!

### **Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

### **Silence**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our sins. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole. Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be people who live out our baptism and live more fully into its promise that in Jesus Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, or male and female but we are all new creations in You. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The God who has made us will never desert us. The God of creation is creating still, making us new. The God whose love

gave us the gift of Jesus Christ is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.

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**

### **To God be the Glory**

#### **Verse 1**

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

#### **Chorus**

Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done

#### **Verse 3**

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

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**Scripture**                      **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Just because something is technically legal doesn't mean that it's spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I'd be a slave to my whims.

You know the old saying, "First you eat to live, and then you live to eat"? Well, it may be true that the body is only a temporary thing, but that's no excuse for stuffing your body with food, or indulging it with sex. Since the Master honors you with a body, honor him with your body!

God honored the Master's body by raising it from the grave. He'll treat yours with the same resurrection power. Until that time, remember that your bodies are created with the same dignity as the Master's body. You wouldn't take the Master's body off to a whorehouse, would you? I should hope not.

There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become one." Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever—the kind of sex that can never "become one." There is a sense in which sexual sins are different from all others. In sexual sin we violate the sacredness of our own bodies, these bodies that were made for God-given and God-modeled love, for "becoming one" with

another. Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.

**John 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, "Come, follow me." (Philip's hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.)

Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, "We've found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It's *Jesus*, Joseph's son, the one from Nazareth!" Nathanael said, "Nazareth? You've got to be kidding."

But Philip said, "Come, see for yourself."

When Jesus saw him coming he said, "There's a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body."

Nathanael said, "Where did you get that idea? You don't know me."

Jesus answered, "One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree."

Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!"

Jesus said, "You've become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day

sitting under the fig tree? You haven't seen anything yet! Before this is over you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again."

**Sermon** **Come and See**  
Pastor Riz

**Hymn** **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**Verse 1**

Savior like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need your tender care  
In your pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use your fold prepare  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
You have bought us we are yours  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
You have bought us we are yours

**Verse 2**

We are yours in love befriend us  
Be the guardian of our way  
Keep your flock from sin defend us  
Seek us when we go astray  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Hear your children when we pray  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Hear your children when we pray

**Verse 3**

You have promised to receive us  
Poor and sinful though we be  
You have mercy to relieve us  
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to you  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to you

**Verse 4**

Early let us seek your favor  
Early let us do your will  
Blessed Lord and only Savior  
With your love our spirits fill  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
You have loved us love us still  
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You have loved us love us still

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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**

**Offertory**

**Adagio**

By Cesar Franck  
Julie Lueck, Organ

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Merciful God, you provide us with so  
many opportunities to follow Jesus'  
teaching and to live as modern day  
disciples. We sometimes respond to your  
call with excuses or unfounded worries.  
We confuse our spiritual longing with the  
need for possessions. Yet, these things  
only provide a false sense of security. As**

**we offer these financial resources,  
transform us so that we are stirred to  
hear your call on our lives. We pray in the  
name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the  
Christ. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

As you go forth into this day and week,  
listen for the voice of the Lord.

**By God's grace we will follow wherever it  
leads.**

Do not be fearful or anxious about  
anything and allow no room within  
yourselves for deceit.

**We offer ourselves as a temple for the  
Holy Spirit.**

And may God be with you and speak  
through you;

May Christ Jesus be one with you and  
raise you to life;

And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you  
and make you holy.

**Listening for God's call, we follow Jesus,  
sustained by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Postlude     Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**  
Arranged by Michael Costello  
Julie Lueck, Organ