New Life Presbyterian Church
Mother’s Day | 6th Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

Prelude

Be a Blessing
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Prayer

Quote of the day

We are born of love; Love is our mother.
- Rumi

Announcements

Call To Worship

As God our Parent has loved us, so Christ has loved you;
Abide in Christ’s love.
If you keep Christ’s commandments,
We will abide in Christ’s love.
Christ said these things to us so that God’s joy may be in you,
And that our joy may be complete.
This is Christ’s commandment:
That we love one another as Christ has loved us.
Come, let us worship and celebrate God, who is love.

Call to Confession

God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. It is new every morning.
Great is God’s faithfullness. Knowing that we will find mercy in the presence of our God, we have courage to confess our brokenness. Let us confess our sins, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

Assurance of Pardon

God has remembered God’s steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God’s beloved children and witnesses.

Silence

Prayer of Confession

As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don’t quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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God has remembered God’s steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God’s beloved children and witnesses.

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  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Verse 1**
Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount O fix me on it
Mount of your son’s changing love

**Verse 2**
Here I find my greatest treasure
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

**Verse 3**
O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Cathedral of St. John the Divine
John Wyeth

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**Scripture**

1 John 5:1-8

Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we’ll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God’s children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome.

Every God-born person conquers the world’s ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world’s ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving birth and a death-killing death. Not only birth from the womb, but baptismal birth of his ministry and sacrificial death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God’s presence at Jesus’ baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us. A triple testimony: the Spirit, the Baptism, the Crucifixion. And the three in perfect agreement.

John 15:9-17

“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love.
That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

“But remember the root command: Love one another.

Sermon
God Born
Pastor Riz

Chorus
Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2
Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow’r
Of our awesome King of love

Bridge
We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined
By the pow’r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

Verse 3
Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Ending
Lord of heaven and earth
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Hymn
Shout to the North

Verse 1
Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete
Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name 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.

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Prayer of Dedication

Without your love, Lord, we are nothing. Without your giving, we have received nothing. Without your gifts, we have nothing. Receive back these gifts of our love, that you may be always all to us. May our love grow even now as we give. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Benediction

Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born.
As Easter people, we make our home in God’s love.
Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Help the suffering. Honor all people.
By the grace of God we will bear the fruit of hope and joy, peace and justice, with all that we meet.
And may God give you all you ask for in Christ’s name;

May Christ Jesus reveal to you God’s ways and call you his friends; And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy complete.

We go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that we are the chosen friends of Jesus, and will abide in Jesus’ love. Amen.

Postlude

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