

New Life Presbyterian Church  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021



**Prelude**

*Andante, Allegro*  
*G. F. Handel*  
*Joyce Brown, Organ*

**Prayer**

**Quote of the day**

*All the art of living lies in a fine mingling  
of letting go and holding on.*

– Havelock Ellis

**Announcements**

**\*Call To Worship**

The kingdom of God is at hand.

**We want to enter this kingdom.**

The mercy of God is made known.

**We want to receive this mercy.**

The grace of God is abundant for all.

**We praise you, O God, for your  
compassion and your love. Accept our  
grateful praise as we come to worship  
you today.**

Come let us celebrate & worship God!

**\*Call to Confession**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us confess our sins individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

**\*Silence**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake you or leave you. 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**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

No. 459

**V. 1**

O Word of God incarnate  
O wisdom from on high  
O truth unchanged unchanging  
O light of our dark sky  
We praise Thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page  
A lantern to our footsteps  
Shines on from age to age

**V. 2**

The Church from you dear Savior  
Received this gift divine  
And still that light is lifted  
On all the earth to shine  
It is the chart and compass  
that all life's voyage through  
Amid the rocks and quicksands  
Still guides O Christ to you

**V. 3**

O make the Church dear Saviour  
A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old  
O teach your wandering pilgrims  
By this our path to trace  
Till clouds and storms thus ended  
We see You face to face

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**Scripture**

Hebrews 4:12-16, 2:5-12

God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a

surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one can resist God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

God didn't put angels in charge of this business of salvation that we're dealing with here. It says in Scripture,

What is man and woman that you bother with them;

    why take a second look their way?  
You made them not quite as high as angels,  
    bright with Eden's dawn light;  
Then you put them in charge  
    of your entire handcrafted world.

When God put them in charge of everything, nothing was excluded. But we don't see it yet, don't see everything under human jurisdiction. What we do see is Jesus, made "not quite as high as angels," and then, through the experience of death, crowned so much higher than any angel, with a glory "bright with Eden's dawn light." In that death, by God's grace, he fully

experienced death in every person's place.

It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory.

Mark 10:17-31

As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?"

Jesus said, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, only God. You know the commandments: Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother."

He said, "Teacher, I have—from my youth—kept them all!"

Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, "There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me."

The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe

what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom."

*That* got their attention. "Then who has any chance at all?" they asked.

Jesus was blunt: "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it."

Peter tried another angle: "We left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land—whatever—because of me and the Message will lose out. They'll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life! This is once again the Great Reversal: Many who are first will end up last, and the last first."

**Sermon**

*Holding on to...*  
Pastor Riz

**Hymn**

*Take My Life and Let it Be*  
No. 697, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

**v. 1**

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

**v. 3**

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee  
Filled with messages from thee

**v. 4**

Take my silver and gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose  
Every power as thou shalt choose

**v. 6**

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for thee  
Ever only all for thee

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**Blessing of the Blue Barrel**

**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.**

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Music at the Offering**

*Partita*  
*Bernardo Pasquini*  
*Joyce Brown, Organ*

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise God Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**With open hands and thankful hearts,  
we offer to you all that is already yours,  
O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift  
from you. You so freely give us what we  
need, and you promise even greater  
treasures that await us in heaven. Take  
what we offer and use it for the  
goodness of your kingdom. Help us  
share generously with others all that you  
so graciously give to us. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

Go in peace, love and care for one  
another in Christ's name,  
Go in the confidence of people who have  
found mercy.  
**Empower us to let go of all that binds us  
to the ways of this world,  
so we may invest all in God’s realm.**  
The kingdom of God is the great reversal  
of the world.  
**Many who are first will end up last, and  
the last first.**  
And may God come close to you and  
keep you safe;  
may Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness  
a hundredfold;  
and may the Holy Spirit be your help in  
time of need.  
**We go forth to walk in Christ’s footsteps,  
guided by God’s hand. Amen.**

**Postlude**

*Taas niityt vihannoivat  
Marko Hakanpää  
Joyce Brown, Organ*

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*Good News*

**Thank You for Serving Today!**

- Liturgist** *Jan Cryer*
- Organist** *Joyce Brown*
- Greeters** *Margie Johns &  
Mary Barraclough*
- Sound Techs** *Pete Marchetto*
- Facebook Stream** *Pamela Schoon*
- Zoom Host** *Dan & Karin Link*

**Church & Society** – This very important *MISSION* committee is in need of members who will help guide our mission efforts. Please let Pastor Riz know if you’re willing to serve in this way.

**Every Meal** – (Sheridan Story) Every Meal is asking us to resume our weekly visits to Como Park Elementary



to help discreetly place weekend food into the backpacks of food-insecure students. Please let Pastor Riz know if you’re interested in doing this or use the QR Code to sign up.

**Deb’s Work Schedule** –Deb is taking vacation October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Give to New Life!** Point the camera on your smart phone at this QR code. It will bring up a link to the



Give page on our church website where you can give from wherever you are via PayPal or Vanco. Please designate whether your donation goes to our General Operating Fund, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, or any of the other choices.

**An Electronic Church Directory** is now available on the church website. Email Deb at [deb@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:deb@newlifechurchroseville.org) or use the QR code to request an invitation to log into the church website. This directory is NOT available to the general public. Individuals MUST be invited by the church administrative assistant in order to have this access.



**Membership & Growth** is seeking your ideas and your help! We’re searching for a graphic designer, videographer, photographer, and writers to join this team. Elder Tom Carlson is the new Session Liaison for this committee and he is teeming with ideas, but needs some help! We have great hope for ways to grow our faith community. If you’re curious about Tom’s ideas and/or perhaps how you can help this team, contact Tom at [tomcarlson@NewLifeChurchRoseville.org](mailto:tomcarlson@NewLifeChurchRoseville.org) or 651.398.8958.

**Pumpkin Patch** season is HERE! The pumpkins have arrived and we need folks to sell the pumpkins. Use this QR code to sign up on SignUpGenius, or look for the Pumpkin Patch table in the Atrium. Proceeds from



this annual event go to a mission trip for our Youth.

**Blue Barrel Sunday** – Celebration & Worship has decided to celebrate our gifts to the Blue Barrel on the **second Sunday of each month**. We ask that beginning TODAY, you bring non-perishable foods for the Blue Barrel. They will be dedicated that Sunday and given to a local food shelf.

**We collect Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House!** Have you seen the big jar on the Missions Table? Save your pop tabs and add them to that jar whenever you can. We'll take care of donating them to Ronald McDonald House. For more information, see the October newsletter.

**FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT! Committee Reports to the Annual Report** are due **October 15<sup>th</sup>**! We're asking all committee chairs to get their reports to Deb via email or hand-written on her desk or in her cubby in the hallway. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Interfaith Action CROP Walk** is scheduled for TODAY! The walk will begin at 1:15p at Macalester-Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave, St. Paul.



Masks will be required during registration and sendoff (outdoors) and when entering any indoor spaces. Physical distancing is encouraged during the walk. Any walkers or team who wish to walk a different route or at a different time are welcome to register and help in the fundraising effort. The Crop Walk is an annual event to raise

funds to fight hunger in St. Paul and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the money raised goes to Interfaith Action's Department of Indian Work food shelf. Questions may be directed to Carole Rust.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – New Life Church is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. An estimated 38% of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve, and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and New Life Presbyterian Church. Appointments can be made online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=nlp>.

The need for blood is still critical. If you don't know if you are eligible, show up to find out. And if you can't donate blood, we would love to have you as a Volunteer to staff our drive.

**Date: November 2**  
**Time: 1:00 – 7:00p**  
**Where: NLPC Great Room**

Let's make New Life Church a strong supporter of cancer patients, children with leukemia, and trauma accident victims. Sign up for your appointment today. (Ed Galle & Cynthia Reimers Erickson-chairs)

**JRLC Housing Webinar Series – First Thursdays, October 7 – February 3, 6:30-8:00p Online** – Are you concerned about persons impacted by homelessness, the high cost of rent, and the scarcity of

affordable or supportive housing? Do you want to understand these issues from a variety of perspectives – and make a difference? Then join us for one or more of the monthly Housing Webinar Series offered by the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC). Share the [flyer](#). [Register now](#) for the program and small group discussion. For more info or to RSVP by email, contact Joan Miltenberger, JRLC Organizer at [jmiltenberger@jrlc.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@jrlc.org), 612.230.3232.



**Fair Trade is Back In Person!!**

Our annual holiday FAIR TRADE SALE will be Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> (9a – 4p) and on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> (11a – 2p). We're happy to have some of our old favorite vendors back, and we'll also have some new ones, including Global Mamas! Whether you're looking for wild rice or jam, THIS IS THE SALE FOR YOU!

We need some assistance to help make this sale successful! Beginning today, we'll have a table in the Atrium where you can find out more about the sale and sign up for a three-hour shift. This sale is not a fundraiser for our church. Proceeds are returned to fair trade vendors.

We're looking forward to an exciting and successful sale! Thank you.

Fair Trade Committee: Mary Barraclough, Cynthia Erickson, Sandy McGiffin, and Tina Zoerb.