

New Life Presbyterian Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021



Prelude *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*
 Arr. Michael Burkhardt
 Joyce Brown, Organ

Prayer

Quote of the day

It is a full time job being honest one moment at a time, remembering to love, to honor, to respect. It is a practice, a discipline, worthy of every moment.
 – Jasmine Guy

Announcements

***Call To Worship**

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

***Call to Confession**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins individually in silence, and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

***Silence**

***Prayer of Confession**

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference that do not honor You. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Friends believe in the promise of the gospel.

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

All wisdom and might
All honor and blessing
With angels above
And thanks never ceasing
And infinite love

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***Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus**

Peace be with you
And also with you.

***Hymn**

*You Servants of God
No. 299, v. 1,3,4*

v.1

You servants of God
Your master proclaim
And publish abroad Christ's
Wonderful name
The name al victorious
Of Jesus extol
Whose kingdom is glorious
Who rules over all

v.3

"Salvation to God
Who sits on the throne"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim
Fall down on their faces
And worship the Lamb

v.4

Then let us adore
And give him his right
All glory and power

Scripture

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest selected to represent men and women before God and offer sacrifices for their sins should be able to deal gently with their failings, since he knows what it's like from his own experience. But that also means that he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as the peoples'.

No one elects himself to this honored position. He's called to it by God, as Aaron was. Neither did Christ presume to set himself up as high priest, but was set apart by the One who said to him, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you!" In another place God declares, "You're a priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek."

While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his maturity and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek,

he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him.

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

"What is it? I'll see what I can do."

"Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left."

Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

"Sure," they said. "Why not?"

Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you *will* drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in

exchange for many who are held hostage."

Sermon

The Cup of Honor

Pastor Riz

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

No. 727, v. 1,2,3,5,6

v.1

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

v.2

We are pilgrims on a journey
We're together on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

v.3

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

v.5

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

v.6

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

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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.

Tithes & Offerings

Music at the Offering *Andante*
Johann G Albrechtsberger
Joyce Brown, Organ

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of Grace and Mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us to focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness.
We honor the Lord by serving our neighbors with all we have been given.

Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others.

Following the path of Christ who gave all, we offer ourselves in service to the world.

May the love of God uphold you, the sacrificial life of Christ be your inspiration and the joy of the Holy Spirit abound in you.

We go in peace to be the good news of God's love to all.

Amen.

Postlude

Toccatina
Guglielmo Lardelli
Joyce Brown, Organ

Good News

Thank You for Serving Today!

Liturgist *Bruce Nelson*
Organist *Joyce Brown*
Greeters *John & Cathy Bagaglio*
& Irene Meinen
Sound Techs *William Schoon*
Facebook Stream *Pamela Schoon*
Zoom Host *Deb Griffin*

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 if we want 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 back from vacation! and "at work" on Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00a until 2:00p. Her scheduled time to be *in the office* is on Friday; however, she answers the phone during all her business hours. If you have a special need for Deb to plan to be in the office on Tuesday through Thursday, please let her know.

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

or use the QR code to request an invitation to log into the church website.



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 or 651.398.8958.

Pumpkin Patch season is HERE! And we'll need folks to sell the pumpkins. Use this QR code to sign up on SignUpGenius, or look for Sara Drake at a table in the Atrium. Proceeds from this annual event go to a mission trip for our Youth.



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.

Seeds of Hope Community Garden continues to harvest food and donate it to Every Meal for distribution to the hungry in our community. So far this season, we have

donated almost **1,680** pounds!! Thanks to Nancy Marchetto & Bill Pederson (Chairs) and all of our gardeners who have made this happen.

Red Cross Blood Drive – New Life Church is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, November 2nd. 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=nlpc>.

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, 612.230.3232.



Fair Trade is Back In Person!!

Our annual holiday FAIR TRADE SALE will be Saturday, November 6th (9a – 4p) and on Sunday, November 7th (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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working diligently with those affected by Hurricane Ida. For more information, look for the bulletin insert on the next page. Also, if you'd like to give to PDA for the Haiti

earthquake victims, the contact info is all the same. It's important to designate "Haiti – earthquake" when making a gift.