

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

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May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!
Joyfully,
Pastor Erik Swanson
P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

June 19, 2022

Reflection:

"Only a fool would attempt to change the world with a simple message of love and peace. So, we can conclude that Jesus was a fool. Only fools would agree to follow such a man...So, we can conclude that all of us are fools...So let all happily admit that we are fools. Then we will happily commit ourselves to change the world."

- John Chrysostom (4th century AD)

"A man who has faith must be prepared not only to be a martyr, but to be a fool. It is absurd to say that a man is ready to toil and die for his convictions when he is not even ready to wear a wreath round his head for them."

- G.K. Chesterton

"The riddles of God are more satisfying than the solutions of man."

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Welcome and Announcements

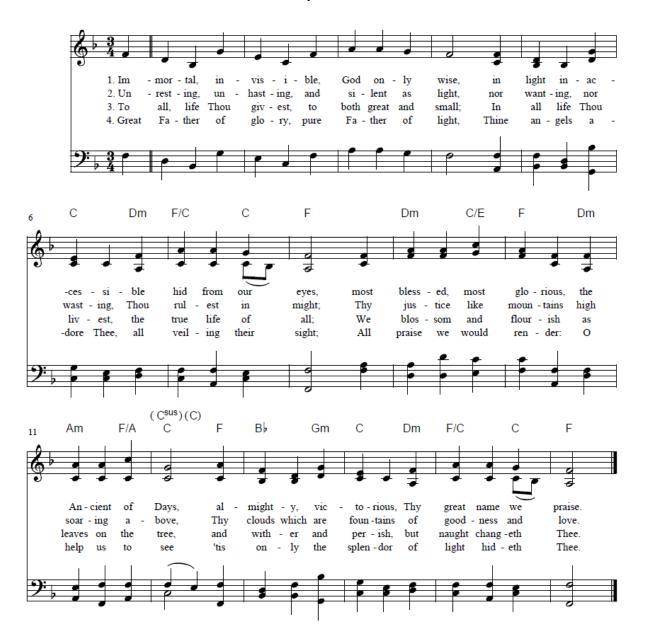
Will Pope

Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:17

Minister: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Praise

Immortal, Invisible



The Power of the Cross



Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Charles Fox

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

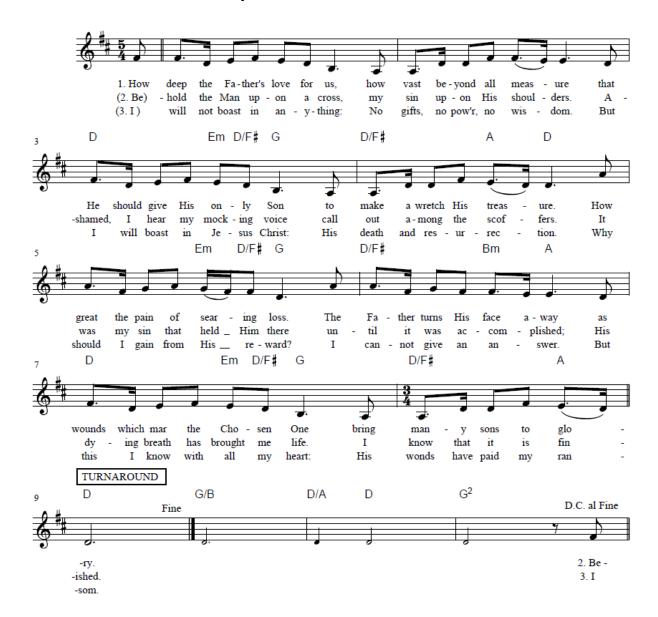
Prayer of Confession – *from Psalm 25*

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O Lord. For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame for we take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Romans 10:11-13*

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



Prayers of the People

Missions Moment Sue Rothermel

Offering Our Gifts

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here, below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading – II Kings 5:1-27

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants

came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord. ¹⁸ In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." ²¹ So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" 22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing." 23 And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi. ²⁴ And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. ²⁵ He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." ²⁶ But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? ²⁷ Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

Sermon Notes

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice; All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne.

Come let us adore Him.

Behold our King; nothing can compare.

Come let us adore Him.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior risen now to reign.

Bridge

You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill the earth.)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill.)

Benediction – 1 Corinthians 1:4, 7

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus... so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sending:

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location	
Sun. 6/19	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room	
Sun. 6/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary	
W. 6/22	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room	
Sat. 6/25	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel	
Sat. 6/25		Men's Event: Gettysburg Tour	Gettysburg	
Sun. 6/26	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room	
Sun. 6/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary	

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$103,384.62	\$120,555.29
Week of 6/5/22	\$4,307.69	\$8,645.01

Announcements

- Piano Available: New Life's current baby grand piano is being replaced and needs a new home. We have a tentative offer of \$1000 from a local used piano dealer, but first want to offer it the congregation for purchase. While it is not in perfect condition, in a private home with steadier humidity levels, its condition should stabilize and offer years of playability. Please contact Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with any questions about the piano's condition and availability.
- Women's Summer Book Club: The women's summer book club will be reading *Defying Jihad* by Esther Ahmad. See with any questions.
- Giant Gift Card Fundraiser: New Life is instituting a new, ongoing fundraising opportunity. The Giant grocery store chain has a program that sells gift cards to notfor-profits at a 5% discount. Anyone can then purchase those gift cards for their face value and then use them whenever they shop at Giant. If you shop at Giant and are willing to purchase a gift card at its face value, New Life nets 5%. Gift cards are currently in \$50 and \$100 denominations. To purchase gift cards, please see Sue Ann Randall, Wayne Blanding, Barry Francisco, or Kelly Steenstra. All proceeds will go to New Life's Short Term Mission Fund.
- Adult Size Bikes Wanted: Richard Smith, RUF-International, is again spearheading a
 drive to provide used bikes for new international students arriving for the fall 2022
 semester at Penn State Main Campus. If you have a "good" working order bike to
 donate, (they can take care of things like flat tires, oiling, and general clean-up),
 contact Marlene Spark to arrange for transfer.
- Men's Event Gettysburg Battlefield Tour June 25: Join us for a tour of Gettysburg led by Licensed Battlefield Guide Bob Steenstra. We are hoping that at least ten of you will be interested in joining us, in which case the cost will be less than \$10 per person. For more information or to sign up, contact Iren Snavely or Rob Rothermel.
- VBS: VBS this summer, "Jesus Does the Impossible," will be July 25-29. The final planning session will occur on Sun. July 3 at 11:45 am at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community. Register through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-jesus-does-the-impossible-july-25-29-tickets-360682750817

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School is offered at 9:00 am. Children/Youth Sunday School is breaking for the summer.

Women's Bible Study: We are on hiatus for the summer. We will convene again in the fall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us here at 9:00 am.

Moms' Group: Currently operating on our summer schedule. For more information, contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Meets at Cracker Barrel every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00 am. Currently we are discussing *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Contact Rob Rothermel for details.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: Join us in prayer at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 10:00 am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): We will begin again in the fall. Contact Joe Heidler with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Group: An intergenerational gathering of men, women, and children, is designed to be a microcosm of the church. All are welcome. Currently we are on break for the summer, but during the year we meet at the Swansons' home on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Come to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of Scripture, and prayer. Bring a snack to share, or just bring yourself!

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: To see York and beyond to embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.

Mission: To receive the grace of God, to give glory to God,

and to follow the Word of God.

Core Values:

• His Voice: While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the

Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.

• **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to

follow Him in His mission.

• **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through

faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.

• **His Power:** Only God has power to save and to sustain His people. We depend

on the Holy Spirit.

• His People: In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and

diversity, we must love one another.

• His Gifts: Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are gifts from

God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to

serve gratefully.

• **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands; therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html

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