



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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 18, 2023

Reflection

"In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that-and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison-you do not know God at all." – C. S. Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Psalm 72:18-19*

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

Prayer of Praise

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Verse

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO 2nd time)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO 2nd time)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO 2nd time)

Chorus

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the Rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted
(REPEAT)

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Jesus, Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

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Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 26

- Q.** What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
- A.** **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.**

Scripture Reading – *Isaiah 42:1-4*

Bryan McGahan

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failure and shortcomings toward you and toward my family, friends, and others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may from now on serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Titus 2:11-14*

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Christ Is Risen

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

Bridge

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Wayne Blanding

Offering

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 – *Romans 3:21-31*

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.”

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – *from 1 Corinthians 11*

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Communing Together

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

4 G C F/C C F⁶ G⁷



-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS

8 C C F C F C/E D



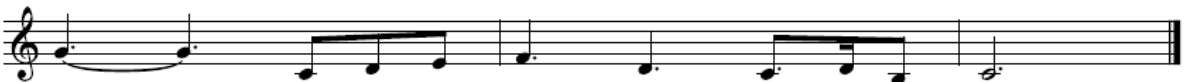
blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —

12 G G⁷ C F/C



long. — This is my sto - ry, this is my

14 C F⁶ G⁷ C



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Sending:

Minister: 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. 6/18	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/18	11:30 am	VBS Volunteers Meeting	Aquarium
W. 6/21	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/21	11:00 am	Moms’ Group	Spark Home
W. 6/21	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 6/21	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Th. 6/22	9:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Kay Home
Th. 6/22	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Grim Home
Sat. 6/24	10:00 am	Men’s Gathering	Kain Park
Sun. 6/25	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/25	11:30 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$122,307.60	\$145,761.55
Week of 6/11/23	\$5,096.15	\$5,373.56

Announcements, pg. 1

- **VBS Volunteers Meeting Today:** All VBS volunteers, please join us after the service today for a meeting in the Aquarium room.
- **Running/Walking Saturday group:** Every Saturday morning at 8 am, anyone is welcome to join a group (some run, some walk) that meets at the Brillhart Station on the Rail Trail. Come for fellowship and exercise! Contact Sarah Fox with any questions.
- **Moms' Group:** During the summer, every week on Wednesday from 11-1 we will gather at Marlene Spark's pool for swimming and prayer. There will be pool time for younger kids and school-aged kids, too. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson.
- **Youth Discipleship Meeting:** We are meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7-8:30pm at the church. It is for all students in/entering 6th through 12th grades. For questions, contact Carol Loht.
- **Communication Channels:** New Life uses the following methods of communication. Please contact the office so that you may receive the following:
 - Printed and verbal announcements on Sundays, as well as information in the foyer.
 - A weekly e-newsletter, "New Life News," is emailed every Thursday at 2:00 pm.
 - Announcements are posted weekly to the website. Sermons are also uploaded weekly to the website and to the public facebook page.
 - There is a private New Life facebook group.
 - Occasional email announcements are sent out to the congregation as a whole.
- **Upcoming Men's Event: Sat. June 24:** Join us for a hangout at Kain Park from 10am until 1pm. Bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Activities will include fishing, boating, and hiking. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Contact Rob Rothermel with questions.

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Announcements, pg. 2

- **Upcoming Women's Event:** The Women of New Life will be hosting a group trip to Hershey Gardens on Sat. July 15. Admission includes a 23-acre garden, the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory, and the Butterfly Atrium. Meet at the church at 9am to carpool or meet us at the entrance at 10am. We will have a picnic lunch together outside of the Gardens, so please bring a lunch. Come by yourself or bring your kids to check out the Children's Garden. The regular rates are \$16.50 (adult) and \$12.50 (children ages 3-12), but discounted rates will be available if we have a group of 15 or more. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please contact Holly Wirt for any questions.
- **Giant Gift Cards – Ongoing Fundraiser for Short-Term Missions Fund:** You may already know that New Life participates in a fundraising program by selling Giant gift cards. In addition to being available every Sunday (and Wednesday and Thursday through the office), we will be setting up a table in the foyer on the first Sunday of every month. Interested in how exactly New Life makes a profit on these sales? See the explanation on the bulletin board or stop by the table!

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School is offered during the 9:00 hour. Youth Sunday School will resume in September.

Women's Bible Study: We are on break until September. For more information contact Marlene Spark.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in the TV Room at 9:00 am.

Moms' Group: During the summer, every week on Wednesday from 11-1 we will gather at Marlene Spark's pool for swimming and prayer. There will be pool time for younger kids and school-aged kids, too. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Meets at New Life every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 am. 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: We have two opportunities: The daytime group meets on alternating Thursdays. Contact Sue Rothermel. The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): BSF will begin again in September and will study the book of John. 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.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond 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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