

**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! |
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| Joyfully,  |
| Pastor Erik Swanson                                |
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P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

# **Worshiping God**

June 9, 2024

#### Reflections:

"The opposite of anxiety – indeed its relief – is the peace that only God, in answer to prayer, bestows upon His people. It is worthwhile noting that our Lord's instructions not to worry (Matthew 6:25 and Luke 12:22) are grounded in the assurance that God knows our needs (Matthew 6:32, Luke 12:30) and this very fact provides the theological underpinnings for effective prayer (Matthew 6:7-8). God's peace transcends our intellectual powers precisely because believers experience it when it is unexpected, in circumstances that make it appear impossible."

- Moises Silva, Philippians

#### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

#### Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 97

Will Pope

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad. Let the distant shores rejoice.

People: Clouds and thick darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice

are the foundation of his throne.

Minister: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all

the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see

his glory.

Minister: All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols.

People: Worship him, all you gods!

Minister: For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

People: You are exalted far above all gods.

### **Prayer of Praise**

## **Holy Forever**

#### Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

#### **Pre-Chorus**

(Jesus) Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

#### Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

#### Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

#### Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

#### Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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## We Will Feast in the House of Zion



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#### Affirmation of Faith - Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

Brian Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you have given us life, breath, and all that we have. Our community, our families, our resources, our responsibilities, and our talents are all gifts from your hand. Of eternal significance, you sent your Son so that we, by faith, could be part of your family. You are good, and every good and perfect gift comes from you. We confess to you our ingratitude. While the struggles of our lives are real, we are quicker to become anxious than we are to remain thankful. Forgive us for how quickly we forget your blessings and for how quickly we take your blessings for granted. Grant us the ability to daily remember the many blessings you have given us. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. We give thanks to you for all your blessings! Amen!

## Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



### **Prayers of the People**

### **Ministry Moment**

### **Deacons Offering & Offertory**

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.

### Special Music – "Hallelujah You Are Good"

Worship Team

#### Verse 1

We are standing in-between Hope and despair Believing in Your grace And the faith to declare

#### Chorus 1

You are with us Hallelujah Hallelujah You are good

### Verse 2

In the ashes and the dust The sorrow and pain Lies the promise of Your word And the pow'r of Your name

#### Chorus 1

### Bridge

And when faith gives way to fear
I will trust Your heart I will trust Your
heart
When I cannot feel You near
I will trust Your heart I will trust Your
heart

#### Verse 3

There's a message being written With the morning sun And a new song for the broken Death has lost love has won

#### Chorus 2

You are with us
Hallelujah
Hallelujah You are good
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah You are good

#### **Chorus 3**

Hallelujah (I have tasted) Hallelujah (I have seen it) Hallelujah You are good Hallelujah (I remember) Hallelujah (I believe it) Hallelujah You are good

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### 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 – Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

## **Sermon Notes**

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Yahweh, Israel's Creator and Shaper (1a-c)
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              I called you by name (1c)
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   \mathbf{C}
                      Fear not (1d)
    D
                             Nations given in exchange for you (3c-d)
                                     Because you are precious and He loves you (4a-b)
       E
     D'
                             People given in exchange for your life (4c-d)
   C'
                      Fear not (5)
  В'
              Everyone called by Name (7a)
A'
       I created and shaped him (7b-c)
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### 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 I Corinthians 11

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

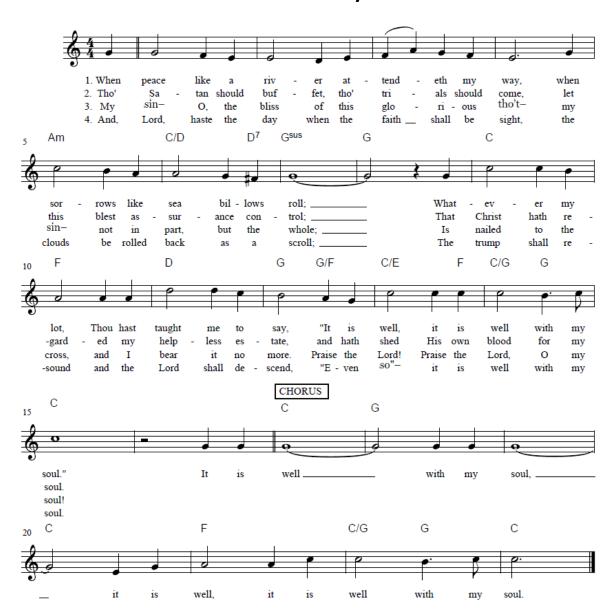
Christ will come again.

### **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**

# It Is Well with My Soul



### Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **The Sending**

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

## This Week at New Life

| Date      | Time     | Event                         | Location         |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Sun. 6/9  | 9:00 am  | Adult Sunday School           | Aquarium         |
| Sun. 6/9  | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service     | Sanctuary        |
| Sun. 6/9  | 11:30 am | Second Sunday Lunch           | Fellowship Hall  |
| Sun. 6/9  | 11:30 am | VBS Volunteers Meeting        | Aquarium         |
| Sun. 6/9  | 12:00 pm | Young Adult Bible Study       | Classroom 2      |
| W. 6/12   | 9:00 am  | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1      |
| W. 6/12   | 10:00 am | Moms+                         | Spark Home       |
| W. 6/12   | 7:00 pm  | Music Team Rehearsal          | Sanctuary        |
| W. 6/12   | 7:00 pm  | Mercy Meeting                 | Classroom 2      |
| Sun. 6/16 | 9:00 am  | Adult Sunday School           | Aquarium         |
| Sun. 6/16 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service     | Sanctuary        |
| Sun. 6/16 | 6:00 pm  | Community Groups              | Kay & Loht Homes |

# **Church Financial Summary**

| Category          | Budget       | Actual       |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year to Date 2024 | \$147,484.48 | \$185,385.53 |
| Week of 6/2/24    | \$6,703.84   | \$20,799.52  |

#### **Announcements**

- Baby News and Meals Requested: Nathan and Aubree Raine welcomed their son Robert Mark on May 30! Please consider signing up to provide a meal.
- Deacons' Offering: There is a deacons' offering that will be taken TODAY. The deacons'
  fund is used to assist members/attenders from New Life during times of need, and it is
  also used to help people from the community who come to the church during times of
  need.
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting: This year, our Olympics-themed Vacation Bible School will be taking place from July 22-26. To volunteer, use the sign-up sheet in the foyer and/or contact Megan Reese. A meeting will be held for volunteers TODAY following the worship service.
- Adult Sunday School Class: Starting June 16, a 12-week adult Sunday School class will
  examine the "I am" sayings in the gospel of John.
- Nursery Renovation: The use of our nursery is expanding! We are changing our layout
  to make the space more useable. The renovation is scheduled to take place from midJune through mid-August, while Sunday School classes are on summer recess. Please
  note that the nursery will be temporarily relocated to Classroom 4.
- Women's Summer Book: This summer we are reading Walking Through Fire: A
   Memoir of Loss and Redemption by Vaneetha Rendall Risner. Read at your own pace,
   then join us for a dinner and discussion in August, exact date TBD. Questions? Contact
   Connie Kay.

## **Groups for Fellowship and Growth**

*Christian Education:* Children's Sunday School will resume Sept. 15. Adult Sunday School will meet throughout the summer in the Aquarium room.

**Women's Bible Study:** Please contact Marlene Spark for questions on our next study, which will begin in the fall.

**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+:** During the summer, Moms + is meeting at the pool of Marlene Spark every Wednesday from 10am-noon. Bring along a snack or lunch for your kids. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Currently on break. Stay tuned for the start-up date.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for information.

**Prayer Small Group:** We have two opportunities: The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel. The daytime group meets every Thursday (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11:15am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): 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 Groups:** Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Sundays of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like 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: <a href="http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html">http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html</a>

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