



**newcity**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## *Possibility*

"I so want you  
to know that  
the parts of yourself  
that you most hate  
and blame and hide  
are the parts that  
hold great wisdom  
and the possibility of joy."

– Christian Writer, K.J. Ramsey

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 8, 2022

10:00am

*Welcome to New City! We're so glad you're here! Before you leave, please take a moment to fill out one of the Prayer Cards near your seat so we can connect with and pray for you this week.*

## **\* God Calls Us to Worship**

***1 Peter 2:4-5 & Psalm 118:23-25***

“As you come to him,  
a living stone rejected by men  
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,  
you yourselves like living stones  
are being built up as a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!”

## \* We Sing

### *What the Lord Has Done in Me*

Let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Let the blind say, "I can see"  
It's what the Lord has done in me

Hosanna, hosanna  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade  
And there my sins are washed away  
From the heavens mercy streams  
Of the Savior's love for me

Hosanna, hosanna  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again  
And I will rise from waters deep  
Into the saving arms of God  
And I will sing salvation songs  
Jesus Christ has set me free

Hosanna, hosanna  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again

### *The House of God, Forever*

God is my Shepherd  
He makes me rest  
In fields of green, with quiet streams  
Even though I walk  
Through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear  
Cause You are with me, You are with me

Your Shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me,  
follow me in the house of God forever

God is my Shepherd  
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest  
In fields of green, with quiet streams  
Even while I'm walking  
Through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear  
Cause You are with me, You're always with me

Your Shepherd's staff comforts me  
You are my feast in the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me,  
follow me in the house of God forever  
In the house of God forever  
In the house of God forever

## **We Confess Our Faith**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*(Originated at the Council of Nicaea in 325)*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Renewal Through Silent Confession**

*Any who are able are invited to kneel*

## God Assures Us of His Grace and Our Peace with Him

*You have nothing to hide. You are forgiven in Christ.  
You have nothing to fear. You are eternally loved in Christ.  
You have nothing to prove. You are righteous in the grace of Christ.*

### **Isaiah 40:11**

**Leader:** "He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young."

*And all God's people said:*

**All:** Amen!

## We Welcome One Another and Pass Grace and Peace

## We Receive Family Announcements

## We Pray as a Family\*

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)*

**Pray that we'd patiently bear fruit in this neighborhood.**

*"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." (John 15:8)*

*"The Spirit of God transcends human ability and transforms human inability."*

\* Nursery age kids are dismissed

## We Receive God's Word

### John 21

"1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" 23 So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Glory to God!

## "Following the Risen Jesus"

### John 21:1-25

*Jesus restores us from our shame and failures so that we can follow him and lay down our lives for his glory.*

#### I. The Fisher of Men (21:1-14)

- A. Catching Nothing (21:1-5; cf. Matthew 4:19; John 4:46; 8:12; 9:15; 11:43)
  
- B. A Overabundance of Fish (21:6-8)
  
- C. Feeding Hungry Fishermen (21:9-14 ; cf. John 6:35)

#### II. The Shepherd of the Sheep (21:15-25)

- A. The Making of a Shepherd (21:15-17; cf. )
  
- B. The Cost of Glorifying God (21:18-24; cf. )
  
- C. The Greatness of the Risen Shepherd (21:25; cf. John 1:1, 4, 3:16, 11:25)
  
- D. Living Bread for Hungry Sheep

### Discussion Starters

**Monday** – Discuss the significance of Peter and the other disciples going fishing. What might the disciples going fishing at night mean?

**Tuesday** – Why does Jesus ask the disciples if they have caught any fish when he already knows they haven't caught any? When does Jesus love to meet us, according to the pattern of John's Gospel?

**Wednesday** – Discuss why it would've been difficult for the disciples to cast their net again as Jesus instructed. It's interesting that Jesus already had fish and bread on the grill for breakfast before the disciples get to the beach. What does that tell us about how Jesus works?

**Thursday** – Jesus famously asked Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (21:15) Who are the "these" in Jesus's question? How does that expose Peter's past pretense?

**Friday** – Discuss why Jesus intentionally prepares breakfast on a charcoal fire for the disciples, especially for Peter. If Peter eventually brings glory to God with his death, what does that say about how far we should go to bring glory to God?

## Sermon Notes

## **We Celebrate the Father's Feast**

New City welcomes all baptized believers who are willing to forsake their sins and trust in Christ alone for salvation to receive Communion with us. If you are not taking Communion this morning, use this time to reflect on one of the following prayers, or you can come up to receive either prayer or a blessing from Scripture.

**Prayer for Those Who Are Skeptical:** *God, if you are there, then provide a place where I can honestly explore the questions, doubts, and objections I have. If you are there and it's possible to know you personally, then help me see what might be keeping me from knowing and experiencing you. Amen.*

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:** *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

**Prayer of Commitment to God's People:** *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Give me strength to take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

### ***There is a Redeemer***

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.

*Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit, 'til  
The work on earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
O, for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my king forever,  
In that holy space

## We Pray for and Offer Our Finances to the Lord

### \* We Sing

#### *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.

#### *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### \* We Leave with God's Blessing

**Minister:** "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

## Announcements

**New Start Time for Sunday Service & Fellowship Time** – As a reminder, we are now meeting at 10am on Sundays for service! With the earlier service time, please plan on staying afterward for a chance to spend time with each other in fellowship. Refreshments will be provided. Today we are having parfaits!

**Administrative Commission** – The Administrative Commission met with Pastor Brian and the SAB on Monday evening at church. We had a very fruitful meeting. As a way to cultivate transparency, we will provide minutes for that meeting in next week's weekly email. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brian or SAB members

**Children's Worship** – We will be temporarily postponing children's worship, so that we can focus on worship and fellowship in our church.

**Nursery** – The nursery will now only be open from the prayer time through communion. Please plan accordingly.

**Learning a New Song** – One of the ways we grow in our faith is by being able to praise God with different songs. The Psalter gives us the prime example of this. In this light, we want our church to learn more songs together. In the month of May, Nathan Pavey will be teaching and leading us with a new song: "The House of God Forever" by Jon Foreman. Please see the church email to get a link to the song or you can search for it on YouTube.

## Coming Up

**5/8** – Service starts @10am with fellowship time afterward

**5/13-14** – Presbytery meeting @ Plymouth, MI

**6/1** – Prayer meeting @6:30pm

**6/5** – Administrative Commission meeting

## Home Fellowship Groups

**Tuesdays at 5:30pm** – Contact Jonathan or Casey Ditty (cnditty@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays at 5:30pm** – Contact Katie or Daniel Kelley (kklukow@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays at 5:30pm** – Contact Brian or Laura Guinto (brian@newcitysouthbend.com)

**Wednesdays at 7:30pm** – Contact Clara or Ben Pykare (ben.pykare@gmail.com)

**Sundays at 5:00pm** – Contact Evan or Zoe Ragland (znragsland@gmail.com)

## Serving at New City

### **Greeters**

- Katie & Daniel Kelley (5/8)
- Amanda & Jon Buehler (5/15)

### **Nursery**

- Britta Eastburg & Lindsey Bennett (5/8)
- Charlotte Ragland, Alexandria Davison, & Clara Pykare (5/15)

### **Communion & Offering Servers**

- Amanda Buehler, Zoe Ragland, Brian Guinto, & Joel Parker (5/8)
- Kacie & Patrick Klamm, Katie Kelley, & Brian Guinto (5/15)

### **Audio & Visuals**

- Will Shankles (5/8, 5/15)

### **Prayer & Sharing Time**

- Brian Guinto (5/8)
- Lisa Nagle (5/15)

### **Communion Bread**

- Nicole Shanks (5/8, 5/15)

## New City Leadership

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