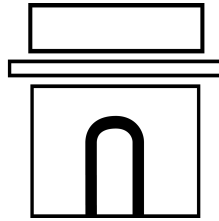


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“The extent and nature of the grace which the New Testament writers declare to be present in baptism is astonishing for any who come to the study freshly with an open mind.”

-G. R. Beasley-Murray, *Baptism in the New Testament*

“There is no gift or power which the Apostolic documents do not ascribe to baptism.”
Adolf Schlatter, *The Theology of the Apostles: The Development of New Testament Theology, Vol. 2*

“Baptism is the sign of the initiation by which we are received into the society of the church, in order that, engrafted in Christ, we may be reckoned among God’s children.”

John Calvin, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion, 4.15.1*

3/12/23

On behalf of the congregation of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village, we welcome you to our worship service. Our prayer is that your contact with us today encourages you to seek the living and true God.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“Seek the LORD while he may be found,
Call upon Him while he is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)

In His grace,

Nick Nowalk, Pastor

A word about our worship:

We have sought to pattern our service after biblical accounts of people confronted by God. Such encounters often involve God making himself known in his righteousness and holiness, which, in turn, causes people to be very aware of their innate sinfulness. In humility, they confess their sinfulness and God graciously lifts them up and instructs them as to what he expects of them. They then respond by committing to serve him. Such incidents as found in Isaiah 6, Exodus 3, Luke 5, and Acts 9, are good examples. May the Lord be pleased to grant such an encounter to us this day.

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: *And also with you*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Opening Prayer

Hymn

From Graves to Gardens

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along, and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in Your love

[Chorus]

Oh, there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws; Lord, You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
The God of the mountain is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again *[Chorus x2]*

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can *[Chorus x2]*

Confession of Faith | *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe
responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Corporate Confession

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our failures in the face of temptation, and our stubbornness in the face of correction. Forgive the times when we have been proud of our own achievements and when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told others, and the untruths we have told ourselves. Forgive the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us sinners and make us whole again. For your glory, Lord, for the abundance of our own lives, and for the sake of others. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Grace

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Acts 10:43)

Response

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

[Chorus]

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. *[Chorus]*

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *[Chorus]*

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat. *[Chorus]*

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Matthew 3:1-17 (*Ebuka Imachukwu*)

Romans 6:1-14 (*Grace Choi*)

1 Peter 3:18-22 (*Trevor Agatsuma*)

Message

Baptism: Passing from Death to Life Through the Waters

The Table of the Lord

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?...You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies."

Words of Institution

Distribution & Reflection

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Our Response to God's Grace

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

No Longer Slaves

You unravel me with a melody

You surround me with a song

Of deliverance from my enemies

'Til all my fears are gone

[Chorus]

I'm no longer a slave to fear

I am a child of God

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my mother's womb, You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again to a family
Your blood flows through my veins [*Chorus*]

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
And I will stand and sing
I am a child of God [*Chorus x2*]

Benediction

"In Christ Jesus you are all sons and daughters of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sunday mornings in Greenwich Village
- For our new Pastoral Search Committee as they begin looking to identify a second pastor for NCGV
- For Mary Sue Daoud as she awaits upcoming surgery
- Pray for healing for Megan as she receives ongoing cancer treatments
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they serve as missionaries in Scotland
- For the work of the Lord to prosper through ministries supported by our church: Andrew and Esther Schaeffer in Burkina Faso; Avi and Ruth Snyder in Hungary; Manjari R., a cross-cultural worker serving the peoples of Lebanon and Syria; Noel Chou with Wycliffe Bible Translators; the ministry of Hope Academy; Do for One; Bowery Mission; Avail Pregnancy Help Center; Expect Hope; The Father's Heart, and Open Doors.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

FOR MARCH: God has a habit of showing up right before things get really difficult and overwhelming, even when things seem to be at their absolute worst. We must always lean persistently and energetically into praying for our brothers and sisters who are suffering around the world in the global church. Galatians 6:9-10 reminds us not to become weary or to give up when a situation seems impossible. We may never know the many countless lives we will be connected to as God uses and responds to fervent prayer with His surprising grace.

1.) Ukraine

- A Baptist pastor Leonard and his wife Tatyana were arrested in a Russian-occupied part of Ukraine and have not been heard from since September. Other leaders have been forcibly seized and tortured, and churches closed.

2.) Yemen

- Christians are experiencing a sharp rise in arrests and torture intended to force believers to give names and information about other Christians for interrogation and persecution. Pray for emotional peace for these traumatized believers and for an end to all such harassment.

3.) Uganda

- Two evangelists were beaten and attacked with knives after leading several Muslims to Christ. They ask others to join them in prayer for strength to continue their ministry.

4.) Nigeria

- Militant groups killed more than 70 Christians in a village in central Nigeria. Over 100 more people were injured and thousands fled for their lives afterwards. Cry out to God for these hurting people. These things are happening in Nigeria to our brothers and sisters more and more.

5.) Mozambique

- Islamic extremists set fire to a church building and several houses, killing at least one person. A radical group also announced the killing of 20 Christians and the displacement of hundreds more. Ask the Lord to bring an end to the violence and to hide His people from further harm.

6.) China

- Two missionaries from a church in Beijing were arrested for evangelizing outside their immediate area, a reminder of the country's zero tolerance policy for house churches that do so. The Chinese government is serious about stamping out all forms of religious faith that are perceived to threaten the communist party and strong state rule. There is widespread state control over the distribution of Christian content and resources to discourage believers in their worship and sharing of their faith.
- Two pastors and another Christian were falsely detained on charges of fraud in October. No updates on their location or condition have been given to their families or communities.

7.) Sub-Saharan Africa

- Violence grows in many parts of Africa. Persecution can be pervasive and without reprieve, and often brutally violent. Pray for God's protection and for the faith and courage of our brothers and sisters.

John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Psalm 46:1; Ephesians 6:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ncgvzoom>

Upcoming

- NCGV Small Groups meet weekly! Lower Manhattan (Tuesdays), Queens/LIC (Wednesdays), & UWS/West Harlem (Wednesdays). Email nick.nowalk@gmail.com if you are interested in checking out a small group.
- Conversation on Baptism: Sunday, February 12th @ 1pm (prerequisite for baptism at NCGV)
- **Joint service with Gallery Church (in Chelsea) on Sunday, March 19th @ 10:30am at 350 W. 26th Street**
- Joint Good Friday service on Friday, April 7th @ 7:30pm at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow Street)
- Next round of "new member" classes at NCGV: April 16th, 23rd & 30th after the service

Giving

There are four ways to give to Neighborhood Church:

- Cash or checks dropped into the offering box at the worship service
- Checks mailed to: Neighborhood Church, 269 Bleecker Street, New York NY 10014
- PayPal donations via this link: [paypal.me/ncgv](https://www.paypal.me/ncgv)
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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