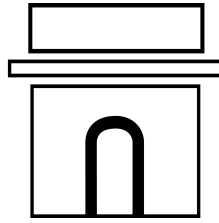


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“This Gospel wants to entice us to faith, above all else...Look at him! He rides no stallion, which is a war animal, and he comes not with fearful pomp and power, but sits on a donkey, which is no war animal but which is ready for burdens of work that will help human beings. Thereby he shows that he does not come to terrify people, to drive or oppress them, but to help them, to carry their burdens and take them on himself.” (Martin Luther)

“We have Jesus as he wants to be seen [in the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday]: as Emmanuel, as the true God-with-us in a truly human way, at our level. God on a donkey.” (Frederick Dale Bruner, *Matthew: A Commentary*)

“The cross does not show us some temporary weakness of God that is canceled out by the resurrection. It says something permanent about God: not that God eternally suffers but that the eternal power of God is love; and this as expressed in history must be suffering.” (Herbert McCabe, *God, Christ and Us*)

4.10.22

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)

This is our hope for
“. . . the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.” (Jeremiah 10:10)

In His grace,

Kirk van der Swaagh & Nick Nowalk, Pastors

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

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM | Lord's Day 15

Question #37

What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race

Question #38

Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge,¹ and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us

Question #39

Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

- 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
16 the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save us, we pray [*HOSANNA*], O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
29 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with Him through the Spirit giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise
For Thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord through endless days
Adored and magnified

Confession of Faith | *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
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.

Hymn

Hosanna

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes x2

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing x2

[Chorus]

Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith x2

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees x2

[Chorus]

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love
Like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am
For Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

[Chorus]

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy"
(Proverbs 28:13)

Corporate Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Assurance of Grace

"Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" (Psalm 32:10-11)

Response

Humble King

Oh kneel me down again
Here at Your feet
Show me how much You love humility
Oh Spirit be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You

[Chorus]

*You are the God of the broken
Friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary
Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like you Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King*

Scripture Readings

Matthew 20:17-21:17

Message

“Triumphal Entry: Glory, Weakness, Suffering”

The Table of the Lord

“Let a person examine himself...and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Words of Institution

Distribution

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

Prayers of Intercession

Announcements

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand

No legacy survive

Unless the Lord does raise the house

In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain

Tell me what is your life

A mist that vanishes at dawn

All glory be to Christ!

[Chorus]

All glory be to Christ our King!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing,

All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come

On earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread

Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy

The thirsty without price

We'll take a cup of kindness yet

All glory be to Christ!

[Chorus]

When on the day the great I am

The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

[Chorus]

Benediction

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” (Revelation 7:9-12)

- For peace and the cessation of violence and war in the nation of Ukraine in light of Russia’s unprovoked invasion
- For the genocide against the Uyghur people in China to stop
- For Kingsway Chapel, the Korean-speaking church that meets in our building on Sunday evenings. A number of their members and attenders either moved back to Korea or left the church during the year and a half they were on Zoom due to COVID-19, and they are now looking to reach out and build relationships with new potential members
- For Mattie and Heidi van der Swaagh as they prepare for the birth of twins
- For Steven Romeo, for healing of his chronic sciatic nerve injury
- For the recovery of Carlos Suarez, who had emergency heart surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital
- For Katelyn Bryant’s grandfather, who is recovering from a major heart attack
- For Austin Chen, Lindsey Quintana and Joshua Jiang as they finish medical school and prepare to transition into their new residency programs this summer
- For four couples in our fellowship that have recently become engaged: Nate Harp and Jennifer Yu; Trevor Agatsuma and Grace Choi; Pat Quiroga Yupanguí and Katelyn Bryant; Max Martin and Jessica Samuel
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they prepare to move to Scotland
- *COVID-19 has not gone away, so pray . . .*
- For wisdom in navigating the protocols after inevitable infections that will affect not just those who have tested positive, but those who have had contact with them
 - For those serving on the frontline as EMTs, doctors, nurses, technicians, orderlies
 - For those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are gravely ill
 - Pray for the economic recovery of our city
- 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; 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

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FOR APRIL:

Uganda

- Pastor Musana has a heart for sharing Jesus with Muslims. When two converted to Christianity, an enraged mob killed Musana and threw his body into the river. Please pray for his loved ones and for those who continue to steadfastly and faithfully bear witness to the gospel.

Nigeria

- A teenager named Leah was kidnapped. She is still alive and has a young child. Please pray for her and for all the young people who have been taken and abused because they are Christians. May they experience God’s wonderful

peace and healing. Often in Nigeria there are raids on Christians and churches resulting in death or captivity simply because of their loyalty to the gospel. Please pray.

Laos

- A young child in Laos was raped and contracted HIV. She came to know Jesus at a Christian medical clinic where her parents had left her. Upon returning home to her family she has been ostracized because of her new faith. She dreams of becoming a doctor, and someone is helping her with the support she needs for this path. Please pray for her health and for God to continue to open doors and provide encouragement and support for her.

North Korea

- An urgent request: security guards broke into a location where several dozen Christians gathered for a secret worship meeting. They were arrested and executed in the room. Their families were also arrested and have been imprisoned. The total number of people exceeds 100. Political prisons in North Korea are without human dignity. Inmates are treated like animals, tortured, and forced to do harsh labor without enough food or warm clothing. Please pray earnestly for God's intervening grace and justice in this desperate situation.

Uzbekistan

- Police invaded a classroom and searched students' phones looking for illegal religious materials. Pray for the traumatized students and for their freedom to listen to digital Bibles, sermons and music without fear.

Unknown Country

- A young man accepted Christ and was baptized. His father was so incensed that he withheld food from his son and berated him constantly. Unable to cope with the ceaseless cruelty, he took his own life rather than renounce Christ. Please pray for his family and father, that they would come to see the value of Jesus through their son's life and be saved.

Please stand with these dear brothers and sisters in prayer, and in this way contribute to building up the kingdom of God

Ephesians 6:18; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7756249830?pwd=N3dUU2s4Sjg3bkU5R2F3aklTZkxzZz09>

To attend Sunday worship in person:

Masks are required in our worship space

Today

- Worship, 10:30am at Greenwich House Music School, online using the above link

This Week

- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30pm on Zoom (new series beginning this week on *the parables of Jesus*)

Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Monday 9-9:30pm

Tuesday 7:30-8:00am

Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm

Thursday 9-9:30pm

Upcoming

- Joint Good Friday service on April 15th @ 7:30pm at Calvary Church (21st Street & Park Avenue)
- Easter dinner on Sunday evening at 269 Bleecker on April 17th @ 4pm with friends from Kingsway Chapel
- Monthly Members' Meeting on Sunday, April 24th @ 1-2pm
- Saturday, April 30th (7:30-11:30am), Volunteer with food pantry & soup kitchen @ Father's Heart (545 E 11th St). Contact Kristen to sign up: ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com
- Celebration Weekend for Kirk & Barbara van der Swaagh: May 7-8
- New All Things Project (ATP) Exhibit: "Fish and Banana" opening reception @ 7pm on Friday, May 13th

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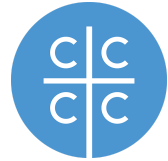
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