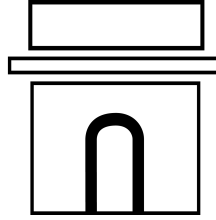


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“You shall remember the whole way that the LORD has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you...Take care lest you forget the LORD your God who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.”

Deuteronomy 8

“Thus says the LORD: ‘The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness.’”

Jeremiah 31

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your presence, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight his paths’...John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness...In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’ The Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.”

Mark 1

4.24.22

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 17

Question #45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Psalm 95

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,
- 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."
- 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one

Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving one

And we can see that God you're moving
A mighty river through the nations
When young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide your heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

[Chorus]

*Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring your hope
Songs that bring your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice*

Did you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness

And we can see that God you're moving
A time of Jubilee is coming
When young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide your heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

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

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
now 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

"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

Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely you 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!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bow to none but heavens 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

[Chorus]

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, he's alive! he's alive!

[Chorus]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 1:19-33
Matthew 4:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:24-10:14

Message

Not All Who Wander Are Lost: Life in the Wilderness

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 the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me;

what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt his tender mercy,

who through life has been my guide?

Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,

here by faith in him to dwell;

for I know, whate'er befall me,

Jesus doeth all things well;

for I know, whate'er befall me,

Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,

cheers each winding path I tread,

gives me grace for ev'ry trial,

feeds me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter,

and my soul a-thirst may be,

gushing from the rock before me,

lo, a spring of joy I see;

gushing from the rock before me,

lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me -

O the fullness of his love!

perfect rest to me is promised

in my Father's house above:

when my spirit, clothed, immortal,

wings its flight to realms of day,

this my song through endless ages:

Jesus led me all the way;

this my song through endless ages:

Jesus led me all the way!

Benediction

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Philippians 4:9-10)

- 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 Manjari Randeria, a young missionary in an Arabic-speaking nation who is beginning her ministry there
- For Katelyn Bryant's family, as she grieves the passing of her grandfather
- 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 Yupangui 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; Bowers 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 (current series: *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

- Monthly Members' Meeting on Sunday, April 24th @ 1-2pm
- All Things Project Closing Event: Interview with Nozomi on Friday, April 29th @ 7pm (269 Bleecker)
- 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
- First Friday Jazz Show: Friday, May 6th, 8pm & 9:30pm @ 269 Bleecker Street
- 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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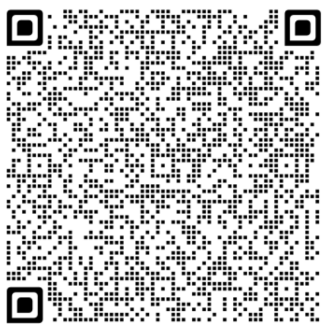
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