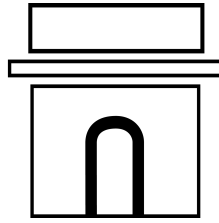


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 10:30am @ Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow Street)

“The wise man is the one who sees reality as it is, and who sees into the depths of things. That is why only that man is wise who sees reality in God.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Ethics*

“There is something which unites magic and applied science while separating both from the ‘wisdom’ of earlier ages. For the wise men of old the cardinal problem had been how to conform the soul to reality, and the solution had been knowledge, self-discipline, and virtue. For magic and applied science alike the problem is how to subdue reality to the wishes of men: the solution is a technique; and both, in the practice of this technique, are ready to do things hitherto regarded as disgusting and impious.”

-C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

“Biblical commands are not arbitrary decrees but correspond to the way the world is and will be.”

-Richard Bauckham, *God and the Crisis of Freedom*

6/25/23

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 His grace,

Nick Nowalk, Pastor

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you

Everyone: *And also with you*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship | *Psalm 145*

Opening Prayer

Song

The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me

And pulled me from a raging sea

And I am safe on this solid ground

The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls

His strength will help me scale these walls

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun

The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

*Who is like the Lord, our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is our salvation [*Chorus*]

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation [*Chorus*]

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Confession of Faith | *Apostles' 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.
The third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
From there he will come again 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.

Song

How Great Is Our God
The splendor of a King
Clothed in Majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Chorus

*How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

Age to age, He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb [*Chorus*]

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God
You're the name above all names
You are worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing, how great is our God [*Chorus*]

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Grace

“But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham.” (Leviticus 26:40-42)

Response

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [*Chorus*]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [*Chorus*]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [*Chorus*]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 1:1-23 (*Ryan Baek*)
Proverbs 2:1-19 (*Nancy Jiang*)
Proverbs 31:10-31 (*Jerry Kong*)

Message

Wisdom: A Journey and a Romance

Creational

Covenantal

Contextual

Curious

Counter-Cultural

Corrected

Christ-Centered

Our Response to God's Grace

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. [*Chorus*]

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. [*Chorus*]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [Chorus]

Benediction

"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (James 3:13-18)

PRAYER

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sundays in lower Manhattan
- For our new Pastoral Search Committee as they seek to identify a second pastor for NCGV
- We are thankful to God that Dan Cowles is back home and doing well after an overnight stay in the hospital. Pray for recovery and ongoing good health
- For Steven Romeo for healing of his sciatica pain
- Pray for those who are preparing to leave NYC in this season (Jingwen, Chase, Silas, Nancy, Ujunwa, Alexis)
- 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 JUNE:

1.) Burkina Faso

- Pastor Antoine went to his Assemblies of God church to pray and intercede for his flock. But on that night (May 15) he was murdered in an intentional strike against a shepherd/leader of the church. Let's pray for this church and his people, as well as his family—that they would remain steadfast and abounding in good work (1 Cor. 15:58)

2.) Egypt

- In the city of Qena the population includes 35% Coptic Christians, much more than the national average of 5-15%. This might lead one to think that Qena would be safer for believers, but this is not the case. This area has become a hub for overt persecution. Two sisters named Morino and Suzan, both hairdressers, were kidnapped and taken from their families. Please pray that these women are returned to their homes safely, and that God would protect the church in the midst of increasing coercive pressure to convert to Islam.

3.) Indonesia

- A church service on Sumatra Island was swarmed by a large mob. Someone choked the pastor and others forced the church members to scatter. Pray that God would heal the traumas His people experience.

4.) Malaysia

- Christians around the world are still praying for pastor Raymond Koh, who was abducted six years ago. Pray that he will be found and reunited with his family.

5.) Pakistan

- A Christian man named Yusef had his inherited land stolen from him by his tenants, who later beat him viciously and drove him away from his home. Please pray for justice and protection for ongoing persecution.

6.) Iran

- A pastor's wife named Anna Khademi is awaiting trial for charges of propaganda against the system and disturbing public opinion. Her husband Matthias is already in prison on similar charges. Let's cry out to the Lord for complete exoneration for both of them.

7.) Democratic Republic of Congo

- Rebel extremists planted a bomb during a baptism service of 60 new converts, killing 17 during what was supposed to be a joyful event. Pray for God's restorative justice and the healing of broken hearts.

8.) Ethiopia

- A Christian community is rebuilding after their homes and church were torched by Muslim extremists. May the Lord provide everything they need to start over again.

9.) Sudan

- Ahmed has been running for his life, having escaped extremists twice after his family caught him discipling 25 other Muslims. Pray that the Lord would guide him to a safe place, and that his bold ministry would continue to bear fruit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

Upcoming

- **Joint summer Bible study w/ Storefront Church on Minor Prophets: Wednesdays @ 7pm (St. Paul's)**
- Summer PRAYER & WORSHIP nights at NCGV: Mondays or Saturdays at 7pm (July 1, 31)
- New NCGV Spanish Bible study has begun (if interested, contact Diego at dlaboy723@gmail.com)
- Interested in serving on the Hospitality Team at NCGV? Contact Josh Kim at jsk4002@med.cornell.edu

Giving

There are five ways to give to Neighborhood Church.

1. Cash or checks dropped into the offering box at the worship service
2. Checks mailed to: Neighborhood Church, 269 Bleecker Street, New York NY 10014
3. PayPal donations via this link: [paypal.me/ngv](https://www.paypal.me/ngv)
4. Zelle transfers to: 201-988-1044
5. Venmo transfer to @Daniel-Cowles-7

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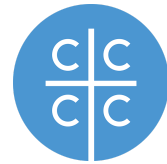
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