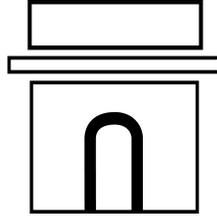


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH  
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“You are my God, yet I have never seen you. I was created to see you, and I have not yet done that for which I was made.”  
Anselm, *Proslogion*

“The absolutely essential framework of the self-understanding of primitive Christianity...is an eschatological one. Christians had come to believe that, in the event of Christ, the new (coming) age had dawned, and that, especially through Christ’s death and resurrection and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, God had set the future in motion, to be consummated by yet another coming of Christ. Theirs was therefore an essentially eschatological existence. They lived “between the times” of the beginning and the consummation of the end. Already God had secured their salvation; already they were the people of the future, living the life of the future in the present age—and enjoying its benefits. But they still awaited the glorious consummation of this salvation. Thus they lived in an essential tension between the “already” and the “not yet.”  
Gordon Fee, *1 and 2 Timothy, Titus*

““These words [Gal. 5:17] alert us to the reality of tension, the necessity of effort, and the incompleteness of achievement that mark the life of holiness in this world...How then does he [the Christian] see his own daily life? He knows that angelical perfection is promised for heaven, and he is resolved to get as close to it here and now as he can. He knows that he is being led and helped toward it; he can testify that God already enables him to resist sin and practice righteousness in ways in which, left to himself, he never could have done. (Any professed Christian who did not have such a testimony would make it doubtful whether he was yet born again.) Still, however, the believer faces active opposition to his being holy from the world, the flesh, and the devil. He fights back and wins victories against all three; yet he regularly falls short of angelical perfection, and none of his battles bring him to the end of the war.

The holy life was always, as the title of John White’s little classic puts it, ‘the fight’...The Christian pushes on against constant opposition without, plus moments and moods of reluctance within that seem to come from nowhere, but which under Paul’s tutelage he learns to identify as anti-Spirit desires of the flesh. He finds that, as Alexander Whyte trenchantly put it a century ago when deflating some rhapsodic unrealities about a life raised above temptation, ‘Aye, it’s a sair fecht [sore fight—fierce battle] all the way.’ So we need to remember that any idea of getting beyond conflict, outward or inward, in our pursuit of holiness in this world is an escapist dream that can only have disillusioning and demoralizing effects on us as waking experiences daily disproves it. What we must realize, rather, is that any real holiness in us will be under hostile fire all the time, just as our Lord’s was.”

J. I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk With God*

**7.17.22**

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,

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

## **HEIDELBERG CATECHISM | Lord's Day 29**

### **Question 78**

#### **Do the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ?**

No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply a divine sign and assurance<sup>1</sup> of these things, so too the holy bread of the Lord's Supper does not become the actual body of Christ, even though it is called the body of Christ<sup>3</sup> in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

### **Question 79**

#### **Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and Paul use the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood?**

Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that just as bread and wine nourish the temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.

But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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*Our Approach to God*

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 130 (*Helen Kim Nowalk*)

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

2 O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

## Opening Prayer

### Hymn

*I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

Out of the depths I cry to You;  
From darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew,  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze –  
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*[Chorus]*

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,  
On Your word I will rely.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone,  
Take courage in His power to save;  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave. *[Chorus]*

Now He has come to make a way,  
And God Himself has paid the price,  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in his sacrifice  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in his sacrifice

I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night.  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,  
For Your love is my delight.  
(x2)

### Confession of Faith | *The Nicene Creed*

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 Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

## **Hymn**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out

I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I will say

*[Chorus]*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*

*Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out

I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I will say *[Chorus]*

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord, blessed be Your name *[Chorus]*

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace**

*"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."* (James 5:16)

### **Corporate Confession**

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are wretched and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring ourselves to you and ask you to wound us, bend us, mold us. Grant us to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, and to depart from you is to lose all good. Work in us a more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. As we quiet ourselves to confess sin, hear our prayers, for we come in the name of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, to seek forgiveness.

### **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 the evil one.

### **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**

#### *There Is a Fountain*

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains: x3  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away: x3  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die: x3  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save: x3  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more: x3  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

## Scripture Readings

Romans 8:9-25 (*Josh Kim*)

Colossians 3:1-17 (*Jennifer Yu*)

Philippians 3:7-16 (*Steven Romeo*)

## Message

Liminal Space, Inchoate Time: Already...But Not Yet

## 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.*

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*Our Response to God's Grace*

## Prayers of Intercession

### Announcements

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to his

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Savior He will stay

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley He will lead

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven

The future sure, the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! x2

### **Benediction**

*“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

### **PRAYER**

- 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
- Praise for the recovery of our friend’s grandfather from thrombus. He has been able to return home.
- For Chantal Kim, who (praise God!) had a successful surgery to remove a large sarcoma on Thursday. She now faces a long recovery process. Pray for healing, and that cancer never spreads in her body in the future
- For Nancy Jiang as she begins to apply to medical schools, that God would open the right door (in NYC!)
- For the Chungs as they prepare to move to Boston for work (Richard) and to finish law school (Nayeon)
- For Sam van der Swaagh as he pursues a career as a data analyst
- For Jingwen Zhang as she prepares to take her Step 2 test for medical school
- For Ernest Nowalk, who is serving with YWAM in the Philippines this summer
- For Mattie and Heidi van der Swaagh (new parents!) and their twins, Samuel Asher and Jane Madeleine
- For Manjari R., a young missionary in an Arabic-speaking nation in the MENA region (Middle East/North Africa) who is beginning her long-term ministry there. Pray for Manjari for: (1) finding a long-term missions team in her region as her first initial term of service comes to a conclusion, (2) ongoing financial support to remain on the field in the years to come, (3) favor and blessing over relationships with cousins (non-Christians) to be invited deeper into community with local friends, (4) grace & wisdom in language-training and cultural adaptation
- For three couples in our fellowship that have recently become engaged: Nate Harp and Jennifer Yu; Trevor Agatsuma and Grace Choi; Max Martin and Jessica Samuel
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they prepare to move to 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; the ministry of Hope Academy; Do for One; Bowersy 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 JULY:**

##### **Egypt**

- The killing of Coptic Christians is on the rise. At least three men were murdered recently. A father of two was brutally attacked with a machete, and the believing community is grieving over this heartbreaking loss. In May a Coptic believer was killed outside his workplace by a militant Islamic terrorist. Please stand with our brothers and sisters with enduring intercessory prayer.

##### **Uzbekistan**

- Two women (a mother and daughter) who converted from Islam to Christianity were attacked and beaten by the husband and father. The husband angrily threatened divorce and to take the other children away. Both the

mother and daughter were expelled from their home and quickly took refuge in a safe house. Let us pray for their protection, Psalm 46:1

- Two female teenagers risk their lives to follow Jesus. One girl was locked in the house and is not permitted to leave without her elder brother to escort her. Classmates of the other young woman threaten her harm and even death. She is frightened to go to school or even back home because of the danger she feels. Please uphold these beloved sisters in the Lord in prayer, asking for grace and protection on their behalf

#### Democratic Republic of Congo

- Forces attacking with gunfire killed at least twenty people, the majority of whom were Christians. Assailants set thirty homes on fire. A week prior, twelve children were killed, five injured and at least three kidnapped. Lift up your prayers of intercession to our common Father. These sorts of occurrences happen too regularly and discourage the church.

A recent report says that 1% of the world's population is experiencing displacement because of their faith, many of whom are followers of Jesus. Pray that the God of peace would rise up and restore justice. Eph. 6:18; James 5:16b; 1 Thess. 5:17

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

#### This Week

- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30pm on Zoom (sermon Q & A)

#### Upcoming

- Joint Sunday evening worship & prayer with Gallery & Storefront Churches: July 24th & August 21st @ 6pm. Location is Avenues: The World School (259 10th Ave)
- Monthly Members' Meeting on Sunday, July 31st @ 1pm
- Interested in Membership at NCGV? Open forum with Q & A on Sunday, August 7th @ 1pm
- Saturday, July 30th (7:30-11:30am), volunteer with food pantry & soup kitchen @ Father's Heart (545 E 11th St). Contact Kristen to sign up: [ngvvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ngvvolunteer@gmail.com)

#### 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/ngv](https://www.paypal.me/ngv)
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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