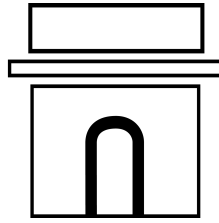


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



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

“The thesis that all human knowledge comes back to the question about commitment to God is a statement of penetrating perspicacity...It contains in a nutshell the whole Israelite theory of knowledge...There lies behind the statement an awareness of the fact that the search for knowledge can go wrong, not as a result of individual, erroneous judgments or of mistakes creeping in at different points, but because of one single mistake at the beginning. One becomes competent and expert as far as the orders in life are concerned only if one begins from knowledge about God. To this extent, Israel attributes to the fear of the Lord, to belief in God, a highly important function in respect of human knowledge. She was, in all seriousness, of the opinion that effective knowledge about God is the only thing that puts a man into a right relationship with the objects of his perception, that is enables him to ask questions more pertinently, to take stock of relationships more effectively and generally to have a better awareness of circumstances. Thus it could, for example, be said that evil men do not know what is right but that those who seek Yahweh understand all things (Prov. 28:5). The opinion is evidently that turning to Yahweh facilitates the difficult distinction between right and wrong. But this was surely not true only of the narrower sphere of moral behavior. Faith does not—as is popularly believed today—hinder knowledge; on the contrary, it is what liberates knowledge, enables it really to come to the point and indicates to it its proper place in the sphere of varied, human activity. In Israel, the intellect never freed itself from or became independent of the foundation of its whole existence, that is its commitment to Yahweh...The statement that the fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom was Israel’s most special possession.”

-Gerhard Von Rad, *Wisdom in Israel*

7/2/23

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 | *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Opening Prayer

Song

Goodness of God

I love You Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

[Chorus]

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
Oh I have lived in the goodness of God *[Chorus]*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me *[Chorus]*

Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

[Chorus]

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Chorus]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Chorus]*

Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Jesus Christ,
by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song

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]*

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

"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." (Psalm 130:3-4)

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111-112

Message

The Fear of the Lord: The Heart of Wisdom

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

Our Response to God's Grace

Song

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Intercessory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

"Who is the person who fears the LORD? God will instruct them in the way that they should choose. Their soul shall abide in well-being, and their offspring will inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant." (Psalm 25:12-14)

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.*

PRAYER

- 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 JULY: Please keep the plight of the suffering church in your prayers on a daily basis

1.) Nigeria

- Reverend Hyuk and his two sons were murdered after the Nigerian election. Four more Christians were killed in secret and buried in mass graves. Please pray.

2.) Laos

- In Northwest Laos 15 families were driven out of their homes because of their conversion to Christianity. Pray that the Lord will provide for and protect them.

3.) East Africa

- Soon after a brother converted to Christianity from Islam he began to share his faith with friends, leading three of them to Christ. He experienced heartbreaking loss when his wife was kidnapped by her family and forcibly married to a Muslim man under the threat of death. Please intercede for her release and restoration.

4.) Democratic Republic of Congo

- In a predominantly Christian community an Islamic terrorist group murdered 36 people in an overnight attack. The believers were killed with machetes or trapped inside of their burning homes. Ask the Lord to protect His people from these attacks and to comfort the grieving and brokenhearted.

5.) Northern Kenya

- A drought that spanned several seasons is causing widespread starvation and death. Many people no longer have enough food and water to feed students in schools. Many are dropping out. Ask the Lord to bring rain and sustain the people of Kenya.

6.) Burkina Faso

- This remains one of the most dangerous countries for Christians, and things were recently made worse after a military coup. Islamic groups have burned churches and abducted women and children. Pray for God's protection over His children.

7.) India

- Violent riots recently took place in Manipur, leaving thousands of Christians displaced. Christians make up only 2.5 percent of the population. Please pray for them, and especially those who have been more especially targeted: pastors and women. Let's lift up our voices on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

8.) Pakistan

- Christians are often given the lowest jobs of brick laying for little money for their hard work and long hours. Please pray that the injustices done to our fellow members of the body of Christ would be brought to an end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Joint summer Bible study w/ Storefront Church on Minor Prophets: Wednesdays @ 7pm (St. Paul's)**
- Summer PRAYER & WORSHIP nights at NCGV: Monday, July 31st @ 7pm
- 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/nsgv
4. Zelle transfers to: 201-988-1044
5. Venmo transfer to @Daniel-Cowles-7

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