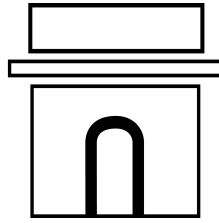


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

"I have reason to praise Him for my trials, for, most probably, I would have been ruined without them."
John Newton, letter from January 16th, 1789

"The supreme temptation of man....is precisely to tempt God, to seek the fulfillment of God's purposes without having to endure God's time."

Oliver O'Donovan, *Finding and Seeking: Ethics as Theology*

"Let no man pretend to fear sin that does not fear temptation also! These two are too closely united to be separated. He does not truly hate the fruit who delights in the root."

John Owen

"To love is good, too: love being difficult. For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation. For this reason young people, who are beginners in everything, cannot yet know love: they have to learn it. With their whole being, with all their forces, gathered close about their lonely, timid, upward-beating heart, they must learn to love. But learning-time is always a long, secluded time, and so loving, for a long while ahead and far on into life, is — solitude, intensified and deepened loneliness for him who loves."

Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet*

8/7/22

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

Question 86

Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Question 87

Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

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 [*grumbling*],
as on the day at Massah [*testing*] 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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

[Chorus]

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *[Chorus]*

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last! *[Chorus]*

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

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart
let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold

[Chorus]

*Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
is to be holy
set apart for You Lord.*

*I choose to be holy
set apart for you my master,
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleansing me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleansing me from my sin, deep within [*Chorus x2*]

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

“While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly.” (Ezra 10:1)

Corporate Confession

Almighty and ever living God, you raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have been slow to believe, and have not joyfully acknowledged his rule over us as we should. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him our whole lives. Forgive us, O God, and raise us from our sin, that we may be your faithful people, knowing the joy of Easter triumph and walking in newness of life. Grant us the power of the resurrection to live holy lives, free from sin, and to follow in the mission he gave us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, 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 the evil one.

Assurance of Grace

“Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity, and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.” (Psalm 78:38-39)

Response

Lord, I Need You
Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

[Chorus]

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
And where You are, Lord, I am free

Holiness is Christ in me [*Chorus*]

[*Bridge x2*]

Teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus, You're my hope and stay [*Chorus*]

The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (*Joseph Kim*)

Matthew 4:1-11 (*Agnes Tang*)

James 1:2-4, 12-15 (*Victor Bendeck*)

Message

Lead Us Not Into Temptation: The Wilderness as Preparation for the Promised Land

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

New Wine

In the crushing

In the pressing

You are making new wine

In the soil I now surrender

You are breaking new ground

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand

When I trust You I don't need to understand

[*Chorus*]

Make me Your vessel

Make me an offering

Make me whatever

You want me to be

I came here with nothing

But all You have given me

Jesus bring new wine

Out of me

Where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
The Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire
Today [*Chorus*]

Benediction

“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.” (Luke 22:28-30)

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek, more earnestly, His face.

‘Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I trust, has answered prayer!
But it has been in such a way,
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour,
At once He’d answer my request;
And by His love’s constraining pow’r,
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry pow’rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
“‘Tis in this way, the Lord replied,
I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ,
From self, and pride, to set thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may’st find thy all in Me.”

John Newton

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
- 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 Rosita's neighbor Junior, who is undergoing surgery for throat cancer, and Rosita's sister Perseus, who has again been hospitalized
- 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 Grace Jeon, as she returns home to San Diego to study for the LSAT exam in October
- 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; 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 AUGUST:

Nigeria

- Daily violence against and kidnappings of Christians is a continuing trend. 13 Christians per day, 372 per month on average are taken by force from their families and communities. Pray for the church and for its pastors, that God would bring protection, encouragement and resilience in the face of such injustice and suffering.

North Korea

- Dozens of North Korean Christians were arrested and shot at a secret worship service. Later their families were rounded up and arrested, sent to political prisons to make an example to discourage others.
- Please pray for two men involved in a safe house ministry in China for North Koreans who cross the border. They are struggling with health issues and were recently arrested. Pray for endurance and that their ministry would continue to bear fruit and providing a refuge for North Koreans who are able to escape their home country.

Eritrea

- Church leaders and believers are targets for extremists. Pray for boldness and courage for our brother and sisters as they face regular hardship and opposition.

Kyrgyzstan

- A brother and sister had to flee their home because their father physically attacked them for their faith in Jesus. Pray for believers who must choose between their earthly family and the family of God
- A Christian man was denied the right to bury his brother or attend his mother's funeral because he is a believer. He has been driven away from his village and exiled. Lift up the many who face outrageous abuse and the many painful moments they have to endure.

Iraq

- A new believer was found murdered by her family members because of her conversion. Ask the Lord to produce outrage against such honor killings, so that they no longer tolerated or even considered.

Africa

- Many countries in Africa are dominated by a militant wing of Islam. Christian believers are expelled from their families when they respond to the gospel, and subsequently grieve and lament the loss of connections and closeness to their family and friends. Pray that God would build up His people to be a family that can withstand such pressures, and that He would protect pastors and leaders who are often specifically targeted.

India

- Christians here have faced increasing persecution over the past four years. Many incidents have been sparked by Hindu nationalists who oppose any non-Hindu influence in India. Please pray for the gospel to grow in influence and acceptance in this culture. Believers often have no legal or practical recourse when they are attacked.

Ephesians. 6:18; 2 Timothy 3:12; Galatians 6:9-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

This Week

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

Upcoming

- Interested in Membership at NCGV? Open forum with Q & A TODAY @ 1pm (@ 269 Bleecker Street)
- Monthly Members' Meeting on Sunday, August 28th @ 1pm
- NCGV Summer Social hosted by Lily Kim in Brooklyn: Saturday, August 13th @ 1pm (RSVP to 347-854-9297)
- Joint Sunday evening worship & prayer with Gallery & Storefront Churches: Sunday, August 21st @ 6pm. Location is Avenues: The World School (259 10th Ave)
- Saturday, August 26th (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
- NCGV Fall "Kick Off" Sunday: September 11th

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
- Zelle or Venmo transfers to 201-988-1044

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