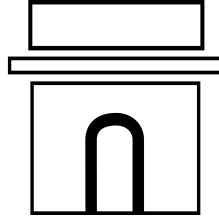


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH  
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 46 Barrow Street @ 10:30am

“No one would choose to live without friends even if he had all the other goods...The desire for friendship comes quickly, friendship does not.”

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*

“There is so little real friendship in the world!”

Jane Austen, *Persuasion*

“Love is perhaps the most difficult task given us, the most extreme, the final proof and text, for which all other work is only preparation.”

Rainer Maria Rilke

“But the effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”

George Eliot, the closing lines of *Middlemarch*

“Live not at all for yourselves, but for your neighbor, and through your neighbor for Christ, and through Christ for the Father Almighty.”

Martin Bucer, *Instruction in Christian Love*

**9/11/22**

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)

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*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Our Approach to God*

### **Call to Worship** (*Hannah van der Swaagh*)

Isaiah 56:1-8

1 Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

2 Blessed is the person who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3 Let not the outsider who has joined himself to the Lord say,  
“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”;  
and let not the eunuch say,  
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the Lord:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

6 “And the outsiders who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

*[Refrain]*

*O praise Him! O praise Him!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One [*Refrain*]

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him [*Refrain*]

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King [*Refrain*]

### **Confession of Faith** | *Heidelberg Catechism*

*What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

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

### **Hymn**

*Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)*

You have been our dwelling place  
Oh everlasting God  
Before You formed the mountaintops  
You were before it all  
And soon our lives turn back to dust

*[Chorus]*

*When the sun comes up satisfy us  
Before the day has passed us by  
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness  
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin  
On Jesus crucified  
Consider Him our hiding place  
Our shelter is alive  
Because He lived and died for us [*Chorus*]

*[Bridge x3]*

Teach us Lord to number our days on earth  
And give us more wisdom in the secret heart  
As you display amazing grace through Jesus Christ for us [*Chorus*]

When the sun comes up satisfy us  
Before the day has passed us by

Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us  
Satisfy us with Your love

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

*“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the person against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”* (Psalm 32:1-5)

### **Corporate Confession**

Merciful Lord, in humility we acknowledge that we are spiritually poor; please enrich us. We are empty vessels; please fill us. We are weak in faith; please strengthen us. We are cold in love; please warm us, making our hearts fervent for you, that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. We confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but with you an abundance of mercy. In your kindness, hear us as we seek forgiveness through Jesus Christ our 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**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9)

#### **Response**

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
Before the Throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart (x2)

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me (x2)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness

The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God (x2)

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*The Word of God & Sacrament*

### **Scripture Readings**

Romans 15:1-13 (*Ujunwa Anakwenze*)  
Romans 16:1-16 (*Dan Cowles*)  
Romans 16:17-23 (*Joy Cho*)

### **Message**

Where It All Leads: A Church Where Names Are Known

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*Our Response to God's Grace*

### **Getting to Know Neighborhood Church**

#### **Prayers of Intercession** (*Augie D'Anna*)

#### **Announcements**

##### *Jesus at the Center*

Jesus at the center of it all  
Jesus at the center of it all  
From beginning to the end  
It will always be, it's always been You  
Jesus, Jesus

##### *[Chorus]*

*Nothing else matters  
Nothing in this world will do  
Jesus You're the center  
And everything revolves around You  
Jesus, You  
At the center of it all*

Jesus be the center of my life  
Jesus be the center of my life  
From beginning to the end  
It will always be, it's always been You  
Jesus, Jesus *[Chorus]*

##### *[Bridge]*

From my heart to the heavens  
Jesus be the center  
It's all about You  
Yes, it's all about You

Jesus be the center of Your Church  
Jesus be the center of Your Church  
And every knee will bow  
And every tongue shall confess You  
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus be the center of this church  
Jesus be the center of this church  
And every knee will bow  
And every tongue shall confess You  
Jesus, Jesus [*Chorus*]

### **Benediction**

*“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”* (Romans 15:5-7)

### **PRAYER**

- That God would open up a new, larger location for us to worship in on Sunday mornings in Greenwich Village
- 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 Nancy Jiang as she begins to apply to medical schools, that God would open the right door (in NYC!)
- 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 who are engaged and preparing for marriage: Nate Harp and Jennifer Yu; Trevor Agatsuma and Grace Choi; Max Martin and Jessica Samuel
- For Kirk and Barbara van der Swaagh as they transition into a new season 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; 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**

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

#### **FOR SEPTEMBER:**

##### **Nigeria**

- Pastor Kajo was attacked by extremist Muslims during a church service. Yet he was the one arrested by the police and sent to prison for disturbing the peace. Please pray for God to intervene and bring about a new reality for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, where this sort of persecution happens far too often. 800 people were killed in the first three months of the year. Pray for God to protect His people (Nehemiah 8:10).

##### **Afghanistan**

- The Taliban now requires women to stay home, only allowing them to go outside for necessity. A host of other dehumanizing limitations and threats are placed upon women by the Taliban. Pray for these women, that when they cry out for justice and respite from these unjust restrictions that God would hear and act. Please pray for women who are not allowed to work or go to school, that as they meet together in small groups they would encourage each other in their Christian faith, even as they are forced to keep it secret.

##### **Egypt**

- A fire broke out in the sewer on a recent Sunday. 41 brothers and sisters in the Lord lost their lives; 14 more were injured and are still receiving treatment in local hospitals. It has been labeled an accident by the local authorities, but arson is a likely possibility. Please pray that God’s truth and sufficiency would be revealed in the months to

come, as violence has been escalating recently among Christians. Please pray for healing for those still in the hospital.

#### Burkina Faso

- In the northern region Islamic extremists have been attacking Christians (especially women and children), torching churches and raiding homes. This has forced many believers to flee their homes and communities. Pray for Christians in this country, who are increasingly vulnerable and left with little to survive when they flee. Pray for shelter, food and provision for their families, medical supplies and attention, and employment and safety in the future (Psalm 37:25).

#### Central African Republic

- In Bangui (the capital), a Christian mother recently lost her husband, and is left to care for her two daughters by herself. They have decided to become followers of Jesus, much to the dismay of their Muslim relatives. The community has completely rejected her, even placing curses on the mother and her daughters. Pray for God to strengthen their faith, to protect them in this season, and to provide intimate fellowship with other Christians in community.

Eph. 6:18, John 16:33, James 5:16b, 2 Tim. 3:12

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### For activities on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ngvzoom>

#### This Week

- No Wednesday Bible Study

#### Upcoming

- **Fall Social #1:** Chelsea Market & High Line (Saturday, Sept. 17th @ 3pm, meet at 269 Bleecker)
- **Fall Social #2:** Cookout & Board Games @ 269 Bleecker Street (Saturday, Sept. 24th @ 6pm)
- **Fall Social #3:** Breads & Spreads at Joy Cho's, dinner at Queens Night Market (Saturday, Oct. 1 @ 1pm)
- **Fall Social #4:** Worship & Prayer Night @ 269 Bleecker (Tuesday, Oct. 4th @ 7:30pm)
- Installation of New NCGV Members: Sunday, September 18th
- NCGV Small Groups starting later in September/October
- Volunteer at Father's Heart (Saturday, September 24th, 7:30-11:30am—contact Kristen at [ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ncgvvolunteer@gmail.com))
- Monthly Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 25th @ 1pm

#### 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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