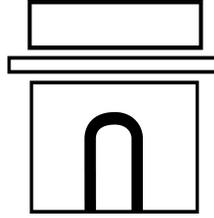


NEIGHBORHOOD  CHURCH
of Greenwich Village



Meeting at 2pm @ 315 W. 22nd Street (St. Paul's German Lutheran Church)

“It were an easy thing to be a Christian, if religion stood only in a few outward works and duties, but to take the soul to task, and to deal roundly with our own hearts, and to let conscience have its full work, and to bring the soul into spiritual subjection unto God, this is not so easy a matter, because the soul out of self-love is loath to enter into itself, lest it should have other thoughts of itself than it would have.”

-Richard Sibbes, *The Soul's Conflict, and Victory Over Itself by Faith*

“It is only in the measure in which the church itself is the incarnation of God's purpose to put all things under the Lordship of Christ that it can denounce the evils in society which are a denial of God's original purpose for man. There is an internal connection between the life of the church and its prophetic ministry, and between the prophetic ministry of the church and its evangelization. The church is called here and now to be what God intends the whole of society to be...Consequently, wherever the church fails as a prophet it also fails as an evangelist.”

-C. Rene Padilla, *Mission Between the Times: Essays on the Kingdom*

6/11/23

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

Congregation: *And also with you*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship | *Isaiah 61:1-4*

Opening Prayer

Song

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary

Where Jesus bled and died for me

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet

My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears

They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb

The entrance sealed by heavy stone

Messiah still and all alone

[Chorus]

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King *[Chorus]*

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face *[Chorus x2]*

Confession of Faith | *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 truly 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort here by faith in Him to dwell
For I know whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well
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All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul a-thirst may be
Gushing from the rock before me lo! a spring of joy I see
Gushing from the rock before me lo! a spring of joy I see

All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of His love
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above
When my spirit, clothed, immortal wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way
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The Word of God & Sacrament

Scripture Readings

Leviticus 25:11-12
Isaiah 61:1-2
Luke 4:14-21

Message

Jesus is Jubilee

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

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

Intercessory Prayer (*Trevor Agatsuma*)

Announcements

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation, I turned to heaven

And spoke your name into the night

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished, the end is written

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven

The king of kings calls me His own

Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever

Jesus Christ, my living hope

[Chorus]

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain

There's salvation in your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe

Out of the silence, the roaring lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me *[Chorus x2]*

Benediction

“The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.” (Psalm 9:9-10)

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

- **Mental Health Workshop led by Jane Tsang: Sunday, June 18th @ 4pm (after the service at St. Paul's)**
- **Joint summer Bible study w/ Storefront Church on Minor Prophets: Wednesdays 7pm, June 21st**
- Summer PRAYER & WORSHIP nights at NCGV: Mondays or Saturdays at 7pm (**June 19, 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/ncgv](https://www.paypal.com/ncgv)
4. Zelle transfers to: 201-988-1044

5. Venmo transfer to @Daniel-Cowles-7

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