

Newfields Community Church
Order of Worship
August 16, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Hashkivanu” by Craig Taubman

Translation: (Let us lay down O L-rd our G-d to peace. Raise us up, O our King, to life. Safeguard our going and coming, for life and for peace from now to eternity.)

OPENING WORDS

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron’s beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

CENTERING OURSELVES with BREATH

(reprise Hashkivanu- Let us lay down O L-rd our G-d to peace.)

A Prayer for a Peaceful Heart

Lord, please put Your peace in my heart.

I'm worried and anxious.

My mind races and obsesses.

I can't help thinking about my problems.

Calm me, Lord. (Let us lay down O L-rd our G-d to peace.)

Slow me down, put Your peace in my heart.

No matter what problem I have, Lord,

You are bigger, You are more powerful than it is.

So I bring my problem to You. (Let us lay down O L-rd our G-d to peace.)

I trust You.

I trust Your goodness and Your wisdom.

So I place myself in Your hands.

Please fill my heart with peace. (Let us lay down O L-rd our G-d to peace.)

Opening Prayer

**Sustaining God,
We gather to seek your presence.
We know that when we call out to you, you are near.
You hold us up when we are falling.
You are just in all your ways,
and kind in all your actions.
You have never failed us yet.**

**Saving God, we gather to proclaim your power,
knowing that your words are faithful, and your deeds are gracious.
We stand in awe of your wondrous works.**

**Still-speaking God, we gather to listen for your voice.
Speak to us in scripture, song, and silence.
Show us the way to love, not just in word and speech,
but in truth and action.
Show us how to live for you and others.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v 1,2,5) #25

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation. O my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration.**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth. Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been, granted in what God ordaineth.**
- 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races, all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces. Let the Amen.. sound from God's people again. Gladly forever sing praises.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship together,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us,
among us, and through us.**

Source: (https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration_worship_call-to-worship)

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DOXOLOGY – expressing praise to God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Blessing the Gifts

HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (1,3,4) #73

- 1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.**
- 3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**
- 4. If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God’s word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.**

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 56:1-8; Matthew 15:21-29

SERMON: “Entertaining the truth in difference”

CLOSING HYMN **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”** **#586**

- 1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
- 2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
- 3. Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

BENEDICTION: ***“Christ Has No Body” by Teresa of Avila***

**“Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours; no feet but yours.**

**Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look
out on the world.**

**Yours are the feet with which
God is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which
God is to bless His people.”**

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

POSTLUDE

The hymns are from The Chalice Hymnal and Worship and Song hymnal.