

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY



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chiesa nuova, united church of christ

November 20, 2022

11:00am

We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

◆ SONGS OF PRAISE

As We Gather

Words and Music by Words and Music by Tom Coomes and Mike Fay



As we gath - er, may _ Your Spir - it work with - in us.



As we gath - er, may _ we glo - ri - fy Your name.



Know - ing well that as _ our hearts be - gin to wor - ship,



we'll be blessed be - cause _ we came, _____



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Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Words and Music by Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'As these piec - es bro - ken and scat - tered, I in mer - cy You take our fail - ure, You take our weak - ness, You set Your gath - ered, mend - ed and — whole. Emp - ty hand - ed but not for trea - sure in jars of — clay. So take our hearts, God we'll be Your sak - en. — we've been set free, we've been set — free. A - ves - sels. — The world to — see Your life in — us, oh. maz - ing grace, how sweet the — sound that saved a soul like — me. — Oh, — I once was lost but now I am found. Was blind but now I — see. — Oh, we can see You now, oh, we can see the love — in — Your eyes. — Lay - ing Your - self down, — rais - ing up the bro - ken — to life.'

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◆OPENING PRAYER

SONG OF THE CHILDREN

Jesus Loves Me

Words by Anna Warner, Music by William Bradbury



SONG OF PREPARATION

We Are One in Christ

Words by John Thornburg Music PANTANAL

Long-ing for the Spir - it's touch, seek - ing guid-ance as we pray,
fresh an - noint-ing for our day: This is who we are. —
We are one in Christ, called and claimed by the One who
knows our name; seek - ing, wres - tling, giv - ing praise,
serv - ing free - ly all our days.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 12/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with a similar rhythmic pattern. The third staff features a change in time signature to 6/8, then back to 12/8. The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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◆ SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23. 1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture,” declares Yahweh. Therefore, says the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who are tending the people: “It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will tend them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,” declares Yahweh.

“The days are surely coming” says the God of Israel, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who shall reign as the true ruler and deal wisely and shall do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name on which the people will call: “God is our righteousness.”

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

The Reign of Christ: "Thanks & Giving"

SONG OF RESPONSE

As We Seek Your Face/ Draw Me Nearer

Words and Music by by David Bilbrough | Fanny Crosby & William Howard Doane



1. As we seek Your face, may we know Your
2. At Your feet we fall, Sov - 'reign
4. Move a-mong us now, come re - veal Your



heart; feel Your pres - ence, ac - cep - tance, as we seek Your
Lord; we cry "Ho - ly, ho - ly" at Your feet we
pow'r; show Your pres - ence, ac - cep - tance, move a - mong us



face. 3. Draw me near - er, near-er bless-ed Lord, to the
fall. (to 3)
now.



cross where You there died. Draw me near - er, near - er



near-er bless-ed Lord, to Your pre - cious lov - ing side.

TIME OF PRAYER

Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: O Holy One, in these moments we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: too often we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we confess that more than we would like we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; and we stand in stunned silence when some offer insults to others and fail to intervene with your words of grace. It is hard for us to trust your words that call us to new life and new ways of being in the world.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope for all, including each of us.

Silence Is Kept

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the Good News: God remembers us! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us, and redeems us, God prepares the way for us, the way to grace, to hope, and to new life.

All: Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our God, in heaven, holy be Your name. Your Kin-dom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story

The Blessing

The Invitation

The Sharing

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available in the small cup to the right.

Song of Receiving

Just As I Am

Music and Lyrics by Charlotte Elliott, David Moffitt, Sue C. Smith, Travis Cottrell and William Batchelder Bradbury

Just as I am without one plea,
But that your love was shown to me.
And that you bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am your love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be yours, and yours alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned
Through the love of Christ, the Lamb.

And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.

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Through the love of Christ, the Lamb.
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The Thanksgiving

Community Reminders

Blessing

Song of Departing

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

— How great — is our God! — Sing with me: — How

great is our God! — And all — will see how

great, how great — is our God! —

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words aligned with specific notes and others with rests. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Sharing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you

Many: And, also with you.

One: La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros

Many: Y tambien contigo

Sending Forth

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the “Remembering Our Dead” web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester’s murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn’t perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that transgender people are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives allies a chance to step forward and stand in vigil, memorializing those who’ve died by anti-transgender violence.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Tonight, November 20 6:33pm

We invite our community to join us as we light a candle and say the names of those lives taken in 2022 during a special worship service led by Rev. Yadi Martínez-Reyna and William Deshay Jackson.



newchurch Guiding Scripture:

Seek first the realm of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

ADVENT 2022

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

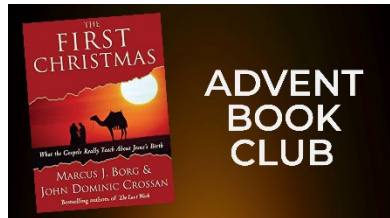
November 27 will mark the beginning of the Christian church year. It also marks the beginning of the journey to Christmas.

This year at New Church we would like to ask each member of our congregation to consider making a promise to yourself and each other to be present for **each** worship service during this special season. This is simply one of the most beautiful seasons of the church year and is a great time to invite your friends and family. What better time to return to church than at the beginning, in the season when we wait for the coming of the Christ Child?

See the full Advent Worship Schedule at: www.thenewchurch.com/advent



ADVENT BOOK CLUB – Sundays at 12:15pm or Wednesdays at 6:33pm



We will be offering two opportunities each week to participate in this year's Advent Book Study. On Sundays at 12:15 we will meet in person in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal while we discuss the book. On Wednesdays at 6:33pm we will meet via Zoom to allow people who live out of town or those who can't be present on Sunday a chance to take

part. More info is available at: www.thenewchurch.com/advent-book-study

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP – December 24 at 6:33pm

You, your family, family of choice, and friends are invited to join us for a special Christmas Eve Worship Service on Friday evening, December 24 at 6:33pm.

Our service will include the singing of your favorite Christmas hymns, a special Children's Message, a sermon by Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson and the sharing of Holy Communion.



Come and celebrate where it all begins, in a manger. Come and share in the worship of a God who comes to us, shares our lives by becoming one of us. Come and worship this Christmas the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

ADVENT 2022

MARGARITAS & MISTELTOE – December 24 at 8pm



Immediately following our Christmas Eve candlelight worship service **everyone** is invited to the Hudsons' for a tamale dinner and holiday cheer. We hope you and your family or family of choice will plan to celebrate Christmas with us!

CHRISTMAS DAY – ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY

This year Christmas day falls on a Sunday. We will still worship together that morning, but we will gather online only (not onsite). Join us on Facebook for a more interactive experience where you can chat with others or watch through our website.



Since we won't be together onsite on Christmas morning, we hope you'll make it a priority to join us for worship onsite on Christmas Eve and then for dinner at the Hudsons' immediately following worship.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – NEW YEAR...NEW YOU...NEW CHURCH!!!

ONSITE AND ONLINE WORSHIP



What better way to start the New Year than with your New Church Family?! You are invited to worship with us as we celebrate the New Year, sharing in a special Children's Message, joining in a Covenant Prayer that calls us to live faithfully in our following of Jesus, participating in Holy Communion. We'll also have black-eyed peas for a little

luck for the New Year.

After all, most people will spend the early days of January committing to beginning new diets, starting new exercise programs, spending less, being more generous, slowing down, taking more time for family and friends, and generally being a better person. So, why not make being in church on a regular basis, every other Sunday, three times a month, or even every Sunday, part of your New Year plan? If you're looking to be transformed into a New You in this New Year, New Church is the place to be.

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newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the **newchurch** – the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

11/20 11:00am 6:33pm	Reign of Christ Sunday ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
11/21 6:33pm	Thresholds: A Class on Prayer Onsite & Online
11/27 11:00am 12:15pm	First Sunday of Advent ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP Advent Book Club & Lunch
11/28 6:33pm	Thresholds: A Class on Prayer Onsite & Online
11/30 6:33pm	Advent Book Club and Bible Study Zoom
12/4 11:00am 12:15pm	Second Sunday of Advent ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP Advent Book Club & Lunch
12/5 6:33pm	Thresholds: A Class on Prayer Onsite & Online
12/7 6:33pm	Advent Book Club and Bible Study Zoom
12/11 11:00am 12:15pm	Third Sunday of Advent ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP Advent Book Club & Lunch
12/12 6:33pm	Thresholds: A Class on Prayer Onsite & Online
12/14 6:33pm	Advent Book Club and Bible Study Zoom
12/18 11:00am 12:15pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP Advent Book Club & Lunch