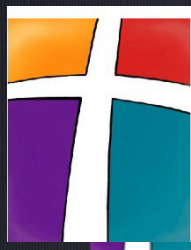


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



newchurch

chiesa nuova, united church of christ

March 17, 2023
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.

GATHERING

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

♦ SONG OF PRAISE

Here We Are to Worship

Words and Music by Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
Christ of all days, oh, so high - ly ex - alt - ed,

o - pened our eyes, let us see.
glo - rious in heav - en a - - bove.

Beau - ty that made our hearts a - dore You,
Humb - ly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

hope of a life spent with You.
all for love's sake be - came poor.

So, here we are to wor ship, here we are to
bow down, here we are to say that You're our God.

And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, Christ of all days, oh, so high - ly ex - alt - ed, o - pened our eyes, let us see. glo - rious in heav - en a - - bove. Beau - ty that made our hearts a - dore You, Humb - ly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, hope of a life spent with You. all for love's sake be - came poor. So, here we are to wor ship, here we are to bow down, here we are to say that You're our God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er'.

1.

worth - y, al - to-geth-er won - der - ful to us.

2.

⊕ Last time to Coda

And we'll nev - - er know how much

it cost to see Your love up - on

1. 2. D.S. al Coda

that cross. And we'll nev - that cross.

So, here we are to wor - ship.

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◆ INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

HEBREW LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Victoria Campbell

PROCLAIMING

SONG OF PRAYER

Ancient Words

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo

Ho-ly words, long pre - served for our
walk in this world; They re-sound with God's own
heart, O let the an-cient words im - part. An-cient
words, ev - er new, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; We have
come with o - pen hearts, oh, let the an - cient words im -
part. We have come with o - pen
hearts, oh, let the an - cient words im - part.

◆ GOSPEL

Pastor Monica Bradley

John 12. 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the Passover were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Humanity to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, my Abba, who is God in heaven, will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Abba, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Abba, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

Awakened Compassion: "Courage"

PREPARING

SONG OF CONFESSION

Trisagion

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega

Ho - - - - ly - God.

Ho - - ly and Might - - ty.

Ho - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal One, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

INVITATION

Rev. James Coley

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: O Heart who seeks Your own: we yearn for Your presence in our lives, yet turn away from You time and again. We want to serve others but become obsessed with our own desires. We need Your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world.

In the silence that follows, come to us and make us whole. Write grace upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people. Write mercy upon our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people. Write hospitality upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who came for all people, even us. Amen.

THE SILENCE IS KEPT

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News. A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start: these are the gifts our God gives to us.

All: Through Christ, we are cleansed; through Christ, we are healed; through Christ, we become new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Words and Music by Jason Silver

Our God in hea - ven _ Ho - ly be _ Your name _

Your kin-dom come, _ Your will _ be done _ on earth as it is in hea -

ven. _ Give us this day _ our

dai - ly bread _ and Lord, _ for-give our sins _ as we _ for-give

_ those who sin a _ gainst _ us. _

And lead us not _ in _ _ to temp-ta _ tion but _

de-liv-er us _ from e _ vil for _ Yours _ is _ the kin - dom _ and the pow -

_ er _ and the glor _ - ry _ for - ev -

_ er. _ A - _ - men.

PREPARING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

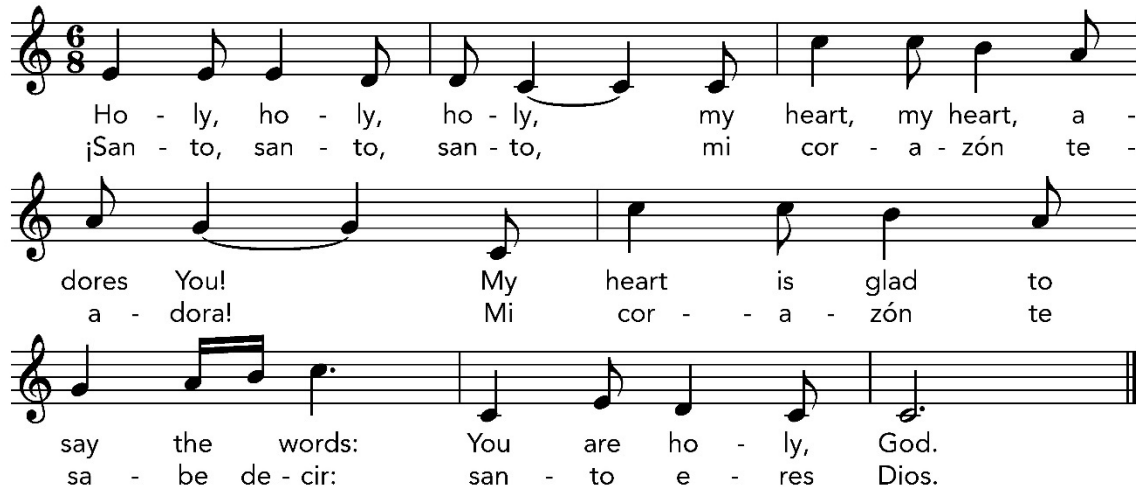
One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Eternal God, ... and with all those who have journeyed with You in every time and place, we lift our glad cries of deliverance and joy to Your holy name, singing:

Santo, Santo, Santo

Words and Music Traditional



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart, a -
¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te -
dores You! My heart is glad to
a - dora! Mi cor - a - zón te
say the words: You are ho - ly, God.
sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.

The Remembrance

One: Holy are You, O God of goodness and glory, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Chosen One. . . .

. . . And so, in remembrance of these your holy acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Mystery

Words and Music by Charlie Hall

Sweet Je - sus Christ our san - i - ty.

Sweet Je - sus Christ our clar - i - ty. Bread of

heav - en, bro - ken for us. Cup of Sal - va - tion

held out to drink. Je - sus,

mys - ter-y. Christ has died and Christ is

ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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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 to the far right.

The Prayer of Consecration

One: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and the cup, and upon us, your children gathered around this Table...

.... Then, when our journey has ended, and we are surrounding your Table in glory, we will welcome our family and friends, as we share peace with our enemies, singing through all eternity of the Only Begotten One who has brought us home.

All: To You, Creating God, Redeeming Christ, and Indwelling Spirit; Three in One; praise, honor, and glory be unto You, from age to age, forever and ever. Amen.

The Feast of Holy Communion

Invitation

Sharing

Song of Receiving

Knowing You, Jesus

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres and wants to own
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray.

All: God of Love, we give You thanks for relieving our burdens and for filling our emptiness with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Redemption, the very life of Jesus Christ. Create in us the living Body of Christ, so that in these challenging times we might witness the power and possibility of Your love and peace in our world today and every day. Amen.

SENDING

REMINDERS

✦ BLESSING

✦ SONG OF DEPARTING

The Wonderful Cross

Words by Lowell Mason, Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves Music by Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt and Chris Tomlin

When I sur - vey the won - drous
Were the whole realm of na - ture
cross mine, on that which the Christ of
glo - - ry died, my rich - est
far too small. Love so a -
gain I count but loss,
-maz - ing, so di - - vine,
and de - pour con - tempt on all my
de - mands my soul, my life, my
pride. O the won - der - ful cross, O the
all.

won - der ful cross bids me come and die and find
that I may tru - ly live. O the
won - der - ful cross, O the won - der ful cross;
All who gath - er here by grace
draw near and bless Your name. _____

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✦ 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.

One: Let us exchange words and gestures of peace
Nos deja intercambiamos palabras y gestos de paz.

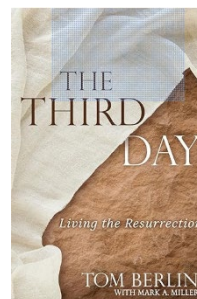
✦ SENDING FORTH

LENT 2024

LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays at 6:33pm In Person or Wednesdays at 6:33pm via Zoom

On the third day, he rose again. In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.



PALM SUNDAY – March 24 at 11:00am **Onsite or Online**



Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus triumphantly entered into Jerusalem. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

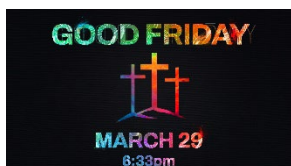
HOLY THURSDAY – March 28 at 6:33pm **Onsite Only**

Our host church, St. Pauls E&R, UCC will be holding a Maundy Thursday Service with Tennebrae, in the sanctuary.

New Church has been invited to join them for this service, and we have invited them to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Good Friday Service.



GOOD FRIDAY – March 29 at 6:33pm **Onsite or Online**



This service is among the most beautiful and moving worship services of the church year. We will share in the Feast of Holy Communion. Then, following the service of Holy Communion we will hear the passages that tell us about Jesus' Passion, his arrest, trial and crucifixion.

EASTER 2024

EASTER EGG HUNT – March 31 at 10:00am

All children and youth are invited to bring their Easter basket and join our friends from St. Paul's for an Easter Egg Hunt on the playground.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – March 31 at 11:00am

Onsite or Online



Easter Sunday is the high holy day of our Christian faith. We so hope you will join us when we will remember the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life for all of us; yesterday, today and forever.

EASTER RECEPTION

Sunday March 31 at 12:15 pm

Since our very first Easter together, New church has had a tradition of gathering after worship for a time of fellowship with deviled eggs and macarons. This year we will continue our tradition with an Easter morning reception in the courtyard.



EASTER BRUNCH

March 31 at 1:00pm



Immediately following our reception in the courtyard, you, your family, and friends are invited to Hop on Over to the Hudsons' for Easter Brunch! The menu will include Old-Fashioned Ham with Brown Sugar and Mustard Glaze, Crispy Chicken Cutlets, Cream Gravy, Homemade Biscuits, Potatoes au Gratin. Marmalade-Glazed Carrots With Candied Pecans. Creamy Spring Peas With Pancetta, a Bagel Board, Carrot Bundt Cake, Lemon Bundt Cake, Chocolate Bundt Case, Mimosas, and a Bloody Mary Bar.

MISSION & OUTREACH

SUNDAY OF SERVICE — Sunday, April 7 at 11am

At New Church we have always believed that a church is not about a building, but is made up of the people who make up the church. We also believe that God is calling us outside the walls of our physical worship space to care for others.

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family and friends will be invited to help feed unhoused, poor and hungry people. We will not worship in person, but will gather near downtown to distribute bags containing a meal, along with snacks and various hygiene items. Once we have fed all we can feed, we'll go feed ourselves at a Dutch treat lunch.

On our last Sunday of Service, December 31, 2023, we had 21 people help distribute 200 lunches, 100 blessing bags, and a wagon full of blankets to hungry people in downtown Dallas. A huge thank you to everyone who donated supplies to make this day successful. Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated and we welcome donations for our next SoS day.



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If you worship with us online, we hope you might find a similar opportunity where you live — volunteer at a food pantry, or soup kitchen, or distribute bags yourself. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers.



GET INVOLVED

LET'S DO LUNCH — April 7 at 12:30pm



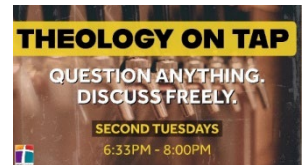
You are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch following our Sunday of Service on April 7. For our next lunch, we will gather at The Reserve, 900 S Harwood St, Dallas, TX 75201. No RSVP needed!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY April 9 at 6:33pm – Glass Half Full Taproom

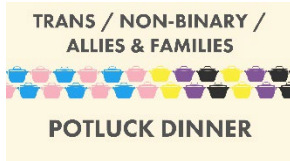
Everyone is invited to join us for a time to ask questions and have a discussion. Our topic changes each month. No book to read – just come with your questions and thoughts.

We will gather the Glass Half Full Taproom (Inside Alamo Draffhouse), 100 S Central Expy #14, Richardson, TX 75080.



NEW CHURCH TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY/ALLIES POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, April 20 at 6:33pm



Young adults and youth, families and friends are invited to attend this inter-generational gathering.

All are welcome to come and join in the fellowship and conversation. The hosts, Evie Wise and Sheri Vaden, the dinner host, are looking forward to welcoming you.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY RETREAT & FLOAT BEACH TRIP

6/9 — 6/12/24



Mark your calendars now and plan your summer around our next Family Friendly Retreat & Float Beach Trip. Join us at Surfside Beach June 9 — June 12, 2024. Surfside is just west of Galveston Island.

We've booked a beautiful house with 8 bedrooms. And we've now booked a second house very nearby. We'll share meals, hang out on the beach, play games, relax, and enjoy time together.



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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

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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 (/ˈkʲɛzɐ/) 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

3/17

11:00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

3/19

6:33pm

Lenten Book Club & Dinner

Kye and Kerry's

3/20

6:33pm

Online Book Club

Zoom

3/24

11:00am

Palm Sunday

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

3/26

6:33pm

Lenten Book Club & Dinner

Kye and Kerry's

3/27

6:33pm

Online Book Club

Zoom

3/29

6:33pm

Good Friday Worship

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

3/31

10:00am

11:00am

12:00pm

1:00pm

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

Easter Reception

Courtyard

Easter Brunch at the Hudsons'

4/07

9:30am

11:00am

12:15pm

Sunday of Service

Assemble Lunches

Distribute Lunches

Dutch Treat Lunch



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