

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



 **newchurch**
chiesa nuova, united church of christ

April 28, 2024
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 THE HOUR

◆ SONGS OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words by Charles Wesley Music by John Zundel



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to
Fin - ish, then, Your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us Your hum - ble dwell - ing,
let us prove. Let us see Your great sal - va - tion



all Your faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, You are
per - fect - ly re - stored in You; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love im - part;
in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with Your sal - - va - tion,
blessed as saints we ev - er shall be,



en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Nothing Without You

Words and Music by Mitch Dane Goskie and Bebo Norman

Take these hands and lift them up,
for I have not
the strength to praise You near e - nough.
See I have noth-ing, I have
noth-ing, with-out You.
And take my voice and pour it out.
Let it sing the songs of mer - cy I have found.
For I have noth-ing, I have
noth-ing, with-out You.
And all my soul needs,

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece. A double bar line with a repeat sign is located above the final staff.

is all Your love to cov - er
me, so all the world will see
2nd time to Coda ⊕
that I have noth-ing, with-out
You. Take my
bod-y and build it up; May it be bro
- ken as an of - fer-ing of love. For I have
noth-ing, I have noth-ing, with-out
D.S. al Coda
You. All my
noth-ing Take our time here on this earth,
and let us glo - ri - fy all that You are worth.

For we are noth ing, we are
noth-ing with-out You.

◆ INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON

Stephanie Hudson

The Vine

By Susan Hawker

CONFESSION

SONG OF PRAYER

All Who Are Thirsty

Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts

All who are thirst _ y, All who are _ weak,
come to the foun _ tain. Dip your heart in the stream of
life. Let all pain and all sor _ row, be washed a - way
in the waves of God's mer-cy as deep cries out to
deep. _ (We sing) Come, Christ Je - sus, come.

Come, Christ Je - sus, come. Come, Christ
 Je - sus, come. Come, Christ Je - sus,
 come. Come, Christ Je - sus, come.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Come, Christ Je - sus, come.

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Invitation

Rev. Mike Wright-Chapman

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Oh God of Compassion: we know we are called to be one body, yet we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; we insist on the right to despise our siblings; though your Perfect Love was broken open and poured out for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Holy One. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Redeemer.

The Silence is Kept

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your heart? God’s love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

All: Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God’s love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord - vs. 1

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us
ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.
grasp the height of Your plans for us.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will
fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by
light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by
acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your
fill in us all Your pur - poses for Your glo - y.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - y.

✦ Gospel

Rev. James Coley

John 15. 1-8

I am the true vine, and my Abba, who is God in heaven, is the vinegrower and removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Abba is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord - vs. 2

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

The Never-Ending Story: "Risky Business"

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story

The Blessing

The Invitation

The Sharing

The Song

Be Thou My Vision/Will You Guide Me

Words & Music Traditional Irish Hymn Additional Words & Music by Adam Lancaster



Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
Rich - es I heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise, thou my in -



else to me, save that thou art: Thou my best thought, by
her - i - tance now and al - ways: Thou and thou on - ly,



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou



light. Will you guide me when I can't see? Please, Lord,
art.



lead me; You're all that I need. Will you guide me

1.



when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're all that I

2.



need. all that I need.



Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart.

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The Lord's Prayer (using "kin-dom" and "sins")

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.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

✦ BLESSING

✦ SONGS OF PARTING

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!

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How Great Thou Art

Words and Music by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God, to
Thee: - How great Thou art, - how great Thou
art!
Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God, to
Thee: - How great Thou art, - how great Thou art.

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✦ SHARING 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.**

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

✦ DISMISSAL

MISSION & OUTREACH

JUSTICE & JAZZ SUNDAY VESPERS — May 19 at 5:00pm



New Church is excited to announce a new ministry that will reach out into our community and connect us to the justice work. We are announcing "Justice & Jazz Sunday Vespers." Our first vespers service will happen on Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary.

The service will feature local jazz musicians, a message from a special guest preacher, amazing jazz music, and the installation of Rev. Monica Bradley as our Senior Associate Pastor for Justice.

The goal of our Justice and Jazz Vespers Ministry is to provide a vibrant, and spiritual worship service enhanced and inspired by jazz music. The Vespers service will seek to develop justice leaders, communicate about justice efforts in our city, and grow community and connection among justice advocates.

We hope you will be a part of this dynamic experience of worship and music.

SUNDAY OF SERVICE — Sunday, June 30 at 11am

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family and friends are invited to help feed unhoused 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, April 7, 2024, we had 15 people help distribute 200 lunches and 100 pairs of socks 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.



Click to
Donate

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

FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK- TODAY

Our host church, St. Paul's UCC, has a long-standing tradition of gathering for a church-wide potluck on the fourth Sunday of each month, and have extended a standing invitation for New Church to join them.



So, dust off your favorite church potluck recipe plan to stay for lunch immediately following worship.

LET'S DO LUNCH — May 12 at 12:30pm

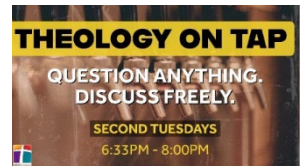


You are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch following our Sunday of Service on May 12. For our next lunch, we will gather at Velvet Taco, 4622 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75206. No RSVP needed!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY May 21 at 6:33pm — Lazy Dog

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 Lazy Dog (5100 Belt Line Rd., St, 500, Addison, TX 75254).

ELEVENTH ANNUAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY RETREAT & FLOAT BEACH TRIP

6/9 — 6/12/24 — LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MAY !!



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 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 (/ˈkʲɛʒa/) 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

4/28

11:00am
12:00pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday Potluck

5/5

11:00am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

5/12

11:00am
12:15pm

Ascension Sunday

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Dutch-Treat Lunch
Velvet Taco

5/19

11:00am
5:00pm

Pentecost Sunday

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Justice & Jazz Sunday Verspers

5/21

6:33pm

Theology on Tap

Lazy Dog — Addison

5/26

11:00am
12:00pm

Trinity Sunday

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday Potluck

6/2

11:00am
12:15pm

Second Sunday After Pentecost

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Dutch-Treat Lunch

6/9

11:00am

Third Sunday After Pentecost

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

6/9 — 6/12

**Eleventh Annual Family Friendly
Retreat & ~~Fleet~~ Beach Trip**



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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