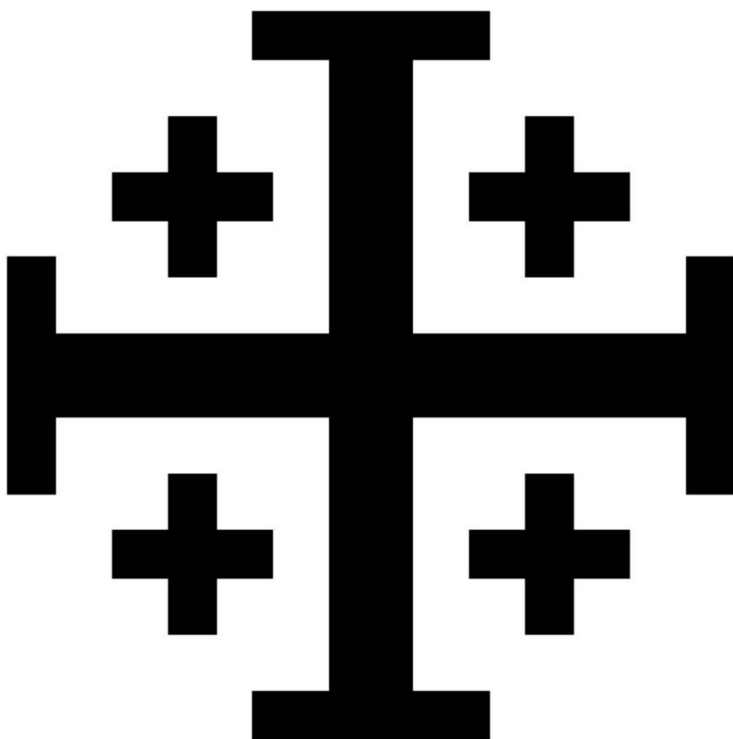


NEW LIFE



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 27, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form.

We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: The Jerusalem Cross, an ancient Christian symbol. The five crosses are said to represent the five wounds of Christ or Christ and the four gospels.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

A Christian is not he who has no sin, but he to whom God counts not his sin, through faith in Christ.

-Martin Luther, 16th c.

By the works of the law no mortal will obtain justification. This is the foundation of a freely bestowed righteousness, when we are stripped of a righteousness of our own. Besides, when he asserts that no mortal is justified by the righteousness of the law, the assertion amounts to this: that from such a mode of justification all mortals are excluded, and that none can possibly reach it.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

Of such half-justification Paul knew nothing. For, when he instructs us that we are justified by faith, because we cannot be justified by works, he takes for granted what is true: that we cannot be justified through the righteousness of Christ unless we are poor and destitute of a righteousness of our own. Consequently, either nothing or all must be ascribed to faith or works.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

Cheer up! You're a worse sinner than you ever dared imagine, and you're more loved than you ever dared hope.

-Jack Miller, 20th c.

We are not acceptable to God because we actually become righteous. We become actually righteous because we are acceptable to God.

-Timothy Keller

If you can save yourself by works, Jesus' death is not loving; it is pure stupidity. If, however, you are lost and dying and unable to save yourself, his death means everything.

-Roger Nicole

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

COLLECT

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O Lord, according to your justice give me life.

- Psalm 50:15; 119:145–149

FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE (PSALM 130)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam-en-ta -
 - tion; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me And hear my sup- pli - ca -
 - tion; If thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
 - deeds dark, MEN: O who shall stand be - fore thee?
 WOMEN: Who shall
 O who shall stand before thee?
 stand be - fore thee? Whoshall stand be - fore
 thee?

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
 Grace, grace alone availeth;
 Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
 In much the best life faileth;
 No man can glory in Thy sight,
 All must alike confess Thy might,
 And live alone by mercy
 (Live alone by mercy)
 And live alone by mercy
 (Live alone by mercy) ➔ *Turn page*

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27 3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own mer -

30 - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds

my fainting spir - it; His prom-ised mer-cy is my fort, My com -

34

- fort and my sweet sup-port; I wait for it with pa -

38

- tience. I wait for it with patience.

43 Wait for it with pa - tience. . Wait for

it with pa - tience.

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

Words: Isaac Watts (1719)
Music: William Croft (18th c.)

CONFESSING OUR SINS

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." ¹³"Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." ¹⁴"Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." ¹⁵"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

- *Romans 3:10-18*

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the innocent and bitter sufferings, and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to his people on earth!

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave,
lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave.

5. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

*Words: William Conper, 1771
Music: Lowell Mason, 1830*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Jesus, you cry out because you have so many enemies. But you have won the battle by dying for us. You protect us and you give us joy and peace. Help us to not be afraid. Please bring justice to all the wrong things in this world. We trust in you because you are the one who saves. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 18 for additional prayers this week.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING: GALATIANS 2:15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 138; ANTIPHON: V. 3

Antiphon:

**On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

**³ On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

**On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.**

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1–13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,’ ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will

answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: “Alive in Christ”

Sermon Text: Galatians 2:15-21

Sermon Series: *Exposition of Galatians V*

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy, Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 debts,

As we forgive

our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er.



We will feast and weep no more.

Verse

1. We will not be



burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God. We are not con-



sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tec - ted gath-ered up!

2. In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

3. Every vow weve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Words and Music: Joshua Moore and Sandra McCracken

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

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.

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Louis Bourgeoise, 16th c.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

- **Pray for the church in Eritrea**, especially **denominations not recognized by the government** and therefore **not allowed to practice their faith**. **Pray for government acceptance of religious groups** and for restoration of **basic human rights and religious freedom to all Eritreans**.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

- **Reformed Presbyterian Church, Duaneburg; Anthony Gorsuch**, Pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

- **First Ithaca Chinese Christian Church; Bin Tang and Paul Epp**, pastors

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- **Matt & Jenn Irvine, Serge** (World Harvest) -- **London, England**

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- **President Donald Trump and Vice-President J.D. Vance**; the **members of Congress** and the **Judiciary**; that they may govern with wisdom according to your word that we may all live quiet and peaceable lives.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **The LeCroys**: **Pray** that they would be **comforted** after the **loss of their cat, Minnie**, and for **safe travels** and a **refreshing time** at **Seneca Hills Bible Camp**.
- **Alison Helmsie**: **Praise** for the **good time** they had **on vacation**. **Pray** for her father as he **recovers from his heart emergency**.
- **Luke Serafin**: **Pray** that **God** would **become more real** to him
- **Angela Brodie**: **Pray** for her **brother-in-law Steve**, as he and the family await the **results** of his **brain tumor biopsy**
- **David Williamson**: **Praise** for his time at the **Veritas Forum**, and **pray** that God would **raise up mentors** for the **junior faculty** members
- **Hannah Eagelson**: **Pray** as she **assists graduate students** as they work to **replace the federal funding** that has been withdrawn from them.
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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Sermon Series on Galatians

Today we continue our sermon series on Paul's letter to the Galatians that will last through the Fall. Come ready to hear weekly about God's irresistible and unconditional grace!

Summer Cookout – August 10th

We'll have one more cookout after the service on August 10th, so mark your calendars. The church will supply the fire, buns, condiments, and utensils. Please bring meat for yourself and a side or dessert to share.

Church “Spruce-Up”

Before all the fall “busyness” starts in September, let's get our meeting space into better shape! If you have suggestions or ideas for improving our worship environment, or are willing to volunteer to help out, please let Pastor Tim know.

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's “Office Hours” - No Prayer This Week

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

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I am an out-of-town visitor.

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I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.

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I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.

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Please send me more information about: _____

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I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.

Other comments: _____