



# NEW BRIDGES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday after Easter

# GATHERING

## SONG | "Excess Love"

Your love is kind, Your love is patient  
You fill my heart with so much peace and joy  
You're amazing, You make my life feel brand new  
You're amazing, You make my life feel brand new

Jesus, You love me too much, oh  
Too much, oh, too much, oh, excess love, oh

Too much, oh, too much, oh, too much, oh, excess love, oh  
Your love for me, too much, oh  
Too much, oh, too much, oh, excess love, oh  
Too much, oh (Too much, oh)  
Jesus, You love me, oh, that you gave Your life for me  
(Too much, oh, too much, oh, excess love, oh)

What manner of love is this  
What manner of love is this  
That You gave it all for me, oh God?  
Jesus, You love me, You love me  
You love me

Thank You for lovin' me too much, unconditionally  
Thank You for lovin' me too much, oh  
Thank You for lovin' me too much, oh  
Thank You for lovin' me too much, oh  
You love me too much, oh

WELCOME

## Mission Statement

“To bring Christ’s Gospel to all people. Proclaim the good news of divine mercy through worship, witness, and ministry. We grow and build our congregation and raise up leaders to serve God’s call for advocacy, justice, and reconciliation.”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of the whirlwind and fire  
sweeps into our presence in this hour.

**Glory be to God, who strengthens us  
and blesses all people with peace.**

God, who called all the world into being,  
calls forth new life in us today.

**Glory be to God, in whose creative  
purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love,  
confirms God’s gifts in us as we gather here.

**Glory be to God, who created light in which  
we can walk in confident expectation.**

## SONG | “How Great Thou Art”

○ Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *[Refrain]*

*(continued...)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art! *[Refrain]*"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of Mercy,  
You are the source of endless forgiveness.  
The one to which we can always come  
for a fresh start,  
for a new life.  
You accept us and lift us up when we fall.  
And yet, we withhold that same forgiveness  
from others and ourselves,  
and instead hold more tightly  
to the power of resentment and revenge.  
Forgive us God,  
For being so hard on others,  
For being so hard on ourselves,  
For being so unwilling to know and show grace.  
And so again we come  
to your fountain of forgiveness,  
to start again.  
Help us accept that we are accepted.  
Help us know that our messiness and  
mistakes are washed away and forgotten.  
Help us feel forgiven so that we can  
forgive one another.  
Hear our silent confessions.

(silent confession)

## ASSURANCE

<sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.**

## SONG | "Gloria Patri"

Glory to God #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | Today after Worship, Fellowship Hall**

Every Sunday, all are welcome for our fellowship meal following worship.

### **SESSION MEETING | Today after Worship.**

A reminder to our Elders that we have a Session meeting today after worship.

### **NEW BRIDGES HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY | Today.**

New Bridges is officially a teenager. 13 years ago, Mt. Eden and Westminster Hills merged together to form New Bridges. Did you know that 95% of church mergers fail? New Bridges has beaten the odds and is not only still going but we're growing! Today, all are invited to give a special offering to celebrate our church and thank God for the gift of this community and to support its ongoing growth.

### **TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY**

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your faith Journey? Baptism?

Membership? Service? Contact Pastor John at

[pastorjohn@newbridgeschurch.org](mailto:pastorjohn@newbridgeschurch.org) to explore what step might be best for you.

## 2024 DIRECTORY UPDATE

Submit your latest information online by scanning the QR code or fill out an in-person in worship. Whether you are a member or an attender, we want to include you. We will use this information to help communicate with you and your family, provide opportunities for age appropriate ministries, and update your giving information so you can receive your tax right-offs at the end of the year.



## 27TH ANNUAL FESCO SHUFFLE | JUNE 8, from 9AM-1PM Moreau Catholic High School, 27170 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA

We are proud to support FESCO in its goal to end family homelessness. There are a couple ways to get involved. You can walk on June 8 and gather donations from those you know or you can give a donation through someone who is walking in our congregation, such as Gloria Wilkinson who has been involved with FESCO for many years. To learn more and sign up visit [www.fescoshuffle.org](http://www.fescoshuffle.org)

### GIVING REPORT:

Giving this year: \$12, 440.00

Giving this time last year: \$10,888.16

Giving goal for this month: \$17,156.33

As you can see, giving is up compared to last year which is a great accomplishment of your generosity and dedication to New Bridges. However, we are down with our budgeted amount as we are aiming to increase giving for 2024. Thank you all for your dedication, and please consider setting up automatic payments to New Bridges through Venmo, PayPal, or CashApp. Thank you to all who have given in support of the ministry and mission of New Bridges. For questions, email Dorene Halseth at [treasurer@newbridgeschurch.org](mailto:treasurer@newbridgeschurch.org).

# WORD

## ANTHEM | “This Is Our God”

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

### *Chorus*

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus

*(continued...)*

Who rescued me from that grave  
Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise  
Nobody but Jesus (Him)

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE | 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



SERMON

# RESPONSE

SONG | “You Say”

I keep fighting voices in my mind  
That say I'm not enough  
Ev'ry single lie that tells me  
I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of  
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Remind me once again just who I am  
Because I need to know oo oh

## *Chorus*

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe oh I believe  
What You say of me I believe

The only thing that matters now  
Is ev'rything You think of me  
In You I find my worth  
In You I find my identity

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You'll have ev'ry failure God  
You'll have ev'ry victory

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayers.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

## 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.

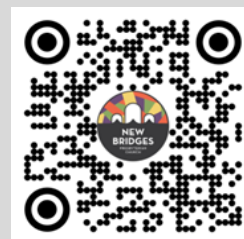
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

## OFFERING

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send to [treasurer@newbridgeschurch.org](mailto:treasurer@newbridgeschurch.org).



## OFFERTORY

# SENDING

## SONG | "You Do This One"

Oh oh oh oh oh  
You do this one o  
You do this one oh oh  
Ayeh yeh yeh  
Ayeh yeh yeh yeh yeh  
Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh

When I think about the things that you've done  
My imagination has turned to reality  
Oh my God oh you do this one oh  
Oh oh oh oh you do this one oh

When I think about the Love that you've shown me  
My Imagination has turned to reality  
Oh my God oh you do this one o oh oh oh oh  
You do this one oh

Testimonies overflowing  
Celebration all around me  
Testimonies overwhelming  
Celebration all around me

### *Chorus*

Jesus You do this one oh  
Response: Oh oh oh You do this one  
All the glory is yours You do this one o  
Response: Oh oh oh You do this one

God is good oh all the time oh  
Even now oh you do this one oh

## BLESSING

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