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NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.

SERMON SERIES

Did Jesus Really Say That?

THE CHALLENGING
TEACHINGS
OF JESUS



Sunday, June 21, 2026 – 10:45am Worship

Welcome to Neelsville!

Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you are visiting with us today. We are a church that is growing more and more captivated by Jesus Christ, delighting to glorify and serve Him in every area of our lives. Wherever you are in your walk with God, we have resources for you and your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information. Thanks for visiting and I hope you experience the welcome of Christ during your time with us!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

pastorjeff@neelsville.org

First Time Here?

We're so glad you've joined us! Please fill out a green guest card in the pew and hand it to a Welcome Team member for a small gift. They can help connect you with our various ministries and answer any questions you may have.

When you join us again, please take a moment each Sunday to sign in with our Welcome Team. This helps us to stay connected and to reach out to ensure you are well if we haven't seen you in a while.

Tips for Families

We are a church who believes in the value of families worshipping together, and we welcome the wiggles & giggles of little ones in the pews.

Look for the  station outside the Sanctuary to learn more about...

- **Nursery Care** – Available for children 2 years and under during the service.
- **Worship & Praise Zone** – Children ages 3 – 3rd grade are invited to a Bible Story & crafts during the sermon. Please check-in before worship at the kids station.
- **Worship Activity Bags** – Feel free to grab one for your child to use during the service.

Order of Service

Corporate worship is our shared surrender to Jesus' costly call. As we gather for corporate worship, we deny ourselves, seek His Kingdom above all, reconcile with one another, and submit to His hard but life-giving words. Corporate worship transforms us into people shaped by the cross-learning together to follow the One who calls us to lose our lives and find them in Him. – *Pastor Jeffrey Rickett*

Prelude

What Grace Is Mine (Irish Melody)

Ulung Tanoto, alto recorder
Dian Permana, piano

We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Adam Condrick

* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-13

God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

All: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

All: For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

*Praise Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's “all as it should be.” Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *(Chorus)*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, Blessed be Your name.” *(2x) (Chorus 2x)*

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***Prayer of Adoration**

Pastor Jeff

Our Pastor leads a prayer in which we lift our hearts to praise God for who He is and to express our deep love for Him.

***Hymn**

What Grace Is Mine (Getty)

#454

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known

Refrain: So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore *(Refrain 2x)*

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Confession of Sin

Seeing how great and good God is, we are reminded that we have, more often than we wish, failed to live as God has designed.

Leader: Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You with undivided hearts, to love You above every earthly tie, and to carry our cross daily. But we confess that we often shrink back from the cost.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: You ask us to count the cost of discipleship, yet we cling to comfort, approval, and control. We prefer admiration to obedience and convenience to sacrifice.

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: You call us to surrender everything—our families, our plans, our possessions, our very lives—but we hold tightly to what we think we cannot lose.

All: Lord, loosen our grip. Teach us to follow You with joyful surrender and to trust that You are worth more than all we leave behind. Holy Spirit, lead our focus to the cross! Through Christ Jesus we Pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Written words can never reflect exactly what is in each individual's heart, so this is a time for us to consider our own waywardness and speak it silently to God.

*Assurance of Pardon

When we confess our sins, seeking God's help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus tells us that whoever loses their life for His sake will find true life in Him. Though the cost of discipleship is massive, the grace of Christ is more massive still. In His death, resurrection and ascension, He has paid the full price for our salvation and welcomes all who trust in Him.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Confession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe. These creeds help remind us of the richness of our faith and can help answer the questions of those who may be wondering about Christianity.

Leader: Let us confess together what we as Christians believe.

All: 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there 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 term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages & generations.

Time of Offering

We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God's blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us. **Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.**



Offertory

Run to the Father
(Carnes/Maher/Jackson)

Praise Team

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." – Martin Luther

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

A song of praise used by Christians since the early 18th century.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus said: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do... for your Father know what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:"

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.

Children's Blessing

On alternate Sundays, the young children receive a blessing or they gather to hear a mini-message, often sharing a point from the upcoming sermon in a relational way with the children.

Children ages 3-3rd grade will be dismissed to the Worship & Praise Zone following the message.

Hymn

Jesus, Strong and Kind
(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

#362

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 874 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 10 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

You Must Hate Your Parents, Spouse,
Siblings, and Children

Pastor Jeff

A pastor or an elder of the church gives this extended message explaining the scripture passage, what it meant to the original readers, and how it applies to us today. Our pastor often preaches through a book of the Bible, using a selection of verses each week. **Space for Sermon Notes is provided on page 8.**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper was instituted by Jesus on the night before He was crucified. He blessed bread and wine to remind us of his sacrifice - the bread is the sign of his broken body and the juice we use is the sign of his shed blood.

Minister: Let us boldly proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The congregation will be invited by rows to receive bread and juice. When returning to your seat, please wait for us to take the elements together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God’s promises are confirmed as we partake in faith – spiritual nourishment enabling our growth in grace, affirmation of our union with God, and gratitude for our fellowship with other believers.

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace. By our communion, keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel, preserve us from all sin and strengthen us for life as your ambassadors in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Praise Song

Good Good Father

(Barrett/Brown)

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

Chorus: You're a Good Good Father It's who You are, it's who You are
It's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide
Because You know just what we need Before we say a word (*Chorus*)

Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us (*Repeat*)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love (*Chorus 2x*)

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***Charge & Benediction**

The pastor gives a charge to go into the world in Jesus' name, living and serving in ways that give witness to God's love. He then raises his hands, giving a blessing for the congregation to receive.

***Postlude**

We close with another instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.

After Worship Today!

All are invited to a Father's Day Reception in the Welcome Center!

Choir Rehearsal will begin at 12:30pm today in the Sanctuary! All are invited!

Sermon Notes You Must Hate Your Parents, Spouse, Siblings, and Children

Did Jesus Really Say That? The Challenging Teachings of Jesus

Big Idea: Jesus calls us to follow Him with a loyalty so supreme that every other allegiance looks small by comparison—and in losing our lives for Him, we find true life as his disciple.

- The _____ Call of Jesus (vv. 25–27)
- The _____ We Must _____ (v. 27)
- The _____ of Counting the Cost (vv. 28–32)
- The _____ of All We Have (v. 33)
- The Gospel _____: Jesus Paid the Ultimate Cost First- (Mark 10:32-34)
- Some Takeaways

Final Remarks: The Paradox of Costly Grace

Next Week: *Cut, Throw, and Tear* (Luke 18:7-9)

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Something to think about . . .

Use these questions for your own personal reflection and study at home.

1. Jesus’ words in Luke 14:26 are startling. What emotions or questions do they stir in you? Why do you think Jesus chose such strong language?
2. F. F. Bruce notes that “hate” here means to “love less” or “renounce priority.” What are some of your relationships, identities, or commitments that can subtly compete with our loyalty to Jesus today?
3. Jesus calls us to “carry our cross.” What does cross-bearing look like in everyday life—not in dramatic moments, but in ordinary discipleship?
4. Jesus urges us to “count the cost.” Where do you see Christians today tempted to pursue a cost-free version of discipleship? Where do you personally feel the cost most clearly? Where does our church feel the cost?
5. The gospel flips the script: Jesus paid the ultimate cost first. How does remembering Christ’s sacrifice reshape your willingness to surrender, obey, or trust Him this week?

Grow and Go with Us!

Opportunities are offered for all ages, to grow in our relationship with God, impacting our lives.

Next Generation Ministry

👉 **NPC Kids and Students Sunday School is now on break for the summer.**



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

👉 **VBS Registration is filling up!**

Scan the QR code to register for Rainforest Falls VBS (Aug 3-7 at 9am-12pm). While we explore the nature of God, we point our campers to living as a follower of Christ through praise songs, scripture lessons, recreational games, hands-on science, and more!



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

Wednesday Night Youth Group will NOT meet this Wed 6/24.

Youth Group will continue to meet throughout the summer at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

***On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Youth Group meets at 5:30pm for a service project.**

Adult Ministry

Join a class or small group that meets throughout the week!

Scan the QR code for more details and descriptions.



Sundays at 9:15am – Life Lessons from 1&2 Peter (Parlor)

Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – Did Jesus Really Say That? (Room 1)

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

Sundays at 9:30am – The Essentials of the Faith (Conf Rm & Online)

Contacts: Peter Muriuki & Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women's Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Kim Evans & Joanne Wilson (joannelwilson@gmail.com)

This Week at Neelsville

More details of this week's schedule and upcoming events can be found in our weekly e-letter. Scan this QR code for last Friday's edition.



Sunday 6/21	12:00pm	Father's Day Reception (Welcome Center)
Happy	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Father's Day!	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Monday 6/22

Tuesday 6/23

Wednesday 6/24	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study – <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday 6/25

Friday 6/26

Saturday 6/27

Sunday 6/28	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group – <i>Life Lessons</i> (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Financial Update

	May Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$ 61.8 K	\$ 326.5 K	\$ 314.3 K	\$ 827.9 K
Expenses (\$K)*	\$ 57.8 K	\$ 331.2 K	\$ 362.7 K	\$ 859.4 K



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Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 3.9 K	-\$ 4.7 K
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*Additional expenses related to the DR Missions trip and the Cross renovation were released from restricted accounts (Harget Fund, Youth Missions, and Memorial Fund). Total of **\$42K released from restricted funds and not added to May Expenses.**

Announcements

Please send your announcements to office@neelsville.org by Tuesday at Noon for next week's bulletin & e-letter.

Father's Day Celebration: Please join us in the Welcome Center TODAY following the worship service. We are celebrating all men and thanking them for their mentoring, help and support of our next generation.

Camp Sonshine begins TOMORROW and runs through Fri 8/21. During this time, the back parking lot will be blocked off for campers' safety as they move between the Ed Wing and back field. Please utilize the front entrance and parking lot if you visit the church Mon-Fri.

Thank you to all who donated to our NPC Food Pantry! This will help serve our surrounding community in need and they are always appreciative. If you still have some items to contribute, please leave them in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you, again.

Save the Date! On Sat, July 11 from 9:00am to 11:30am we will have a light breakfast and our next meeting to *Cultivate a Flourishing Congregation!* In small group discussion we will examine our church's strengths, limitations, and resources, as well as the needs of our congregation and the surrounding community. This will help us identify opportunities to grow and flourish!

Pastors William and Susanna Oklety are looking for help to finish portions of the church building. The pair lead Blessed Redemption Outreach Ministry (BROM) in Haatso-Narhman, Accra, Ghana. Currently, the building needs clean-up from flooding (occurred the first week of June), burglar proof bars on the windows and doors to prevent theft, and new musical instruments (damaged by power fluctuations & the flood). **Anyone wishing to financially contribute to this work may write a check to William D. Oklety, or place cash into a pew envelope marked for William Oklety, into the church offering plate.** (Note: This is NOT a tax-deductible contribution). Contact Sue Farrell for more information (bfarrell01@aol.com).

Neelsville Membership - Would you like to learn more about becoming a Covenant Partner (member) of NPC? The first step is to attend two brief sessions to learn more about our church, our denomination, and our beliefs. Then you can decide if you would like to join. The sessions can be scheduled when convenient for you – on Sunday mornings, weekday evenings, or even remotely. For more info contact Pastor Jeff or Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com).

Stay Connected with Neelsville

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Email office@neelsville.org to join the prayer chain.



E-LETTER SIGNUP

The Weekly Neelsville News is delivered each Friday at 10am.



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LAY LEADERSHIP

Elders – *Oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission.*

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

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Deacons – *Nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation.*

Co-Moderators – Vangie Fletcher, Carol Harris, & Lynn Kroah

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Trustees – *Provide care and oversight for Neelsville's buildings and grounds.*

Moderator – Jason Craft

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