

We are an Easter people and

Alleluia

is our song.

-St. Augustine

April 23, 2017

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, will not meet today, so the children may share in the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Carolyn's sister, Donna Stromowsky, given by Allen & Carolyn Rudolph.

Liturgist: Elder Bryan Eikmann

Sound Booth: (8:45) Cary Lippert (11:00) Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 353

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

8:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

arr. John Innes

Prayer of Preparation

The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.

This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

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

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ,

whose absence leaves us paralyzed

but whose presence is overwhelming:

Breathe on us with your abundant life,

that where we cannot see

we may have courage to believe

that we may be raised with you.

To you belong honor and glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

+ *HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King, vv. 1-3, 6

LASST UNS ERFEUEN

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

*Cantor: Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.*

John 20:29

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-31

THE ALLELUIA

6 Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

Cantor or Choir All
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

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SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

☞ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Jocelyn Nicole Faubert
Daughter of Nicole & Nicholas Faubert
Barbara Lynn, sponsor

Kailee Sueann Gaffney
Daughter of Julie & Jared Gaffney
Holly Martinez, sponsor

Samantha Mae Larrew
Daughter of Tara & Jared Larrew
Nancy Seals, sponsor

Chase Nicholas Schrautemeier
Son of Monica & Robert Schrautemeier
Rachel Steele, sponsor

Alexandra Kay Steele
Daughter of Rachel & Derek Steele
Monica Schrautemeier, sponsor

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Jan Sanborn

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are



ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

The prayer continues and ends with 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

☞ Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Jan Sanborn

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



The Season of Eastertide

The paintings of the Exodus story in the chancel, depicting God as the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day, leading the Israelites through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom, are original pieces by Bob Dencker for New Hope's 2016 and 2017 Great Vigil of Easter, respectively. Just as the Resurrection of Christ is the faith-defining story of Christianity at the heart of the New Testament, the Exodus is the faith-defining story of Judaism at the heart of the Old Testament. For Christians, the Paschal candle becomes our pillar of fire and the waters of the baptismal font become our local Red Sea, as we are led from slavery to the old life of sin to the freedom of being united to Christ's own life of love, peace and justice.

The new white paraments, (the covering on the Lord's Table, pulpit hanging and bookmark) are the gifts and handiwork of Leigh Lindahl-Truett. Many thanks to Leigh for her generosity!

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. (Since we are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism today, we will not have a separate Thanksgiving for Baptism at the beginning of the service.) Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

Why do we call that tall candle the "Paschal" candle and what does it mean?

"Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would pass over the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or

Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Α (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13).

Why does the pastor wear a robe and what is it called?

The whole of our worship—the liturgical space, its architecture, liturgical furnishings (font, table, pulpit) and even our order of worship—is full of symbols, pointing to something meaningful beyond themselves. Even the clothing pastors and other liturgical leaders wear says something important.

At the time of the Reformation in the 16th century, pastoral leaders of Protestant Churches wanted to dissociate themselves from what they perceived to be a sort of clerical elitism practiced by priests who set themselves apart as “intermediaries” between God and the people. To that end, many Protestant pastors chose to wear clothing common to the academy, simply signifying the importance in the Reformed Tradition of an educated clergy. These robes, often known as Genevan gowns, are traditionally black, though can also come in the colors of the academic institution from which a particular degree is earned. A robe with velvet stripes on the sleeves indicate that its wearer has earned a doctoral degree.

Another kind of robe that is often worn by liturgical leaders is called an alb, which comes from the word “alba” meaning “white.” It reaches back into history much further than the academic regalia known to many Protestants. In the earliest centuries of the Church, when people were baptized, each one—fresh from the water—was clothed in a white robe. It expressed the idea that to be baptized was to “clothe yourself with Christ” (Galatians 3:27) and to join the multitude of people who had “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). This garment became one of the basic symbols of baptism and became the garment of choice by those serving the Christian assembly as its liturgical leaders.

Neither a Genevan gown nor an alb is “better” or more “right” than the other. Each simply says something different about the person wearing it and about the assembly being served.

MUSIC NOTES

All Creatures of Our God and King, today's first hymn, was written by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. Francis was born into a wealthy family, and in his youth, spent his time drinking and partying. While fighting in a battle between the town of Assisi and the nearby town of Perugia, he was captured and held for ransom for nearly a year. According to legend, shortly after his release he received visions from God, including a vision in which he was told to live a life of poverty. He deeply loved nature and is known as the patron saint of the environment and of animals. Francis founded the Franciscan order and was canonized on July 16, 1228. (—biography.com)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 326.

Opening Prayer, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 326.

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PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Eleanor Grace White, granddaughter of Jim & Sue White (Mar. 21)

the birth of Flynn Dempsey Pettit, grandson of Jim & Connie Pettit (Mar. 10)

the birth of Henry Robert Gonterman, son of Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman (Mar. 6)

for Healing & Wholeness

Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)

Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr')

Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)

Bob Trigg (father of Laurie Meinert)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)

Mike Soo (friend of Jim Pettit)

Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)

Alyssa Murray

Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman

Anna Mae Richardson

Diane James (friend of Joe & Susan Petrowsky)

Jim Phillips

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes and grandfather of Stacey Bordes)

Lee Cortelyou (brother of Susan Petrowsky)

Tom Clayton

Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Patrick & Robin Murphy)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Sheri Clayton

Garry Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Edd Mackin

Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Bob Mudrovic

for the Grieving

Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his uncle, Chauncey Cambers (Apr. 16)

The family of Sally Usai on her death (Apr. 5)

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of her sister, Donna Stromowsky (Mar. 18)

Kathy & Jim Salter on the death of her mother, Rose Mary Meyer (Mar. 14)

The family of Vi Boyd on her death (Feb. 21)

Cindy Martin on the death of her friend, Ron Hopkins (Feb. 15)

Jeff & Ruth Connor and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Don Buchholz (Feb. 12)

for those preparing to present children for baptism and/or affirm their faith at Easter

Nicole & Nick Faubert Marion Hamilton

Julie Gaffney Alyssa Murray

Tara & Jared Larrew Greg Marshall

Rachel Steele

Chris Truett

Monica & Bobby Schrautemeier

for the World and its People

victims of the terror attacks in Sweden, Norway, and Egypt

victims of the terror attack in London

victims of the tornado in Perryville

victims of the wildfires in CO, TX, KS, & OK

the people of Syria & Syrian refugees

new hope

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 

*Striving to welcome and include all,
worship God,
grow in Christian faith,
serve others,
and be God's love in the world.*

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, *Director of Music Ministries*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

Session

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

2019
Jerry Dyer
Kirk Garten
Bill Lamey
Alyssa Murray
Sue White

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
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Kelley Hurrell
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Chris Truett

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