

# New Hope Presbyterian Church



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## **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**

***We welcome back to our worship today***, the women's vocal ensemble, Alegria, which is the Spanish word for joy. Alegria is made up of Lindsay LaMarche, Judy Hodge, Micah Hummel, Glenda Schmitt, Kathy Carr, Judi Holyroyd, and Kathy Kuehnle.

***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 Welcome Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on 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, is available during the 10:30 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading.

***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:*** Rick Cassetta, Rick & Tyler Etling, Ken Pinkley, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Joe Seidler, Earl & Juanita Bostic and Martha Hacker.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in celebration their 35th wedding anniversary, given by Don & Nancy Harrington; and to the glory of God and in memory of Fran Pinkley on her 71st birthday, given by Ken Pinkley.

***Liturgist:*** Julie Nowakowski

***Sound Booth Technician:*** Deb Garten

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 197

### **If You Are New to New Hope**

***Information about our church*** can be found at the Welcome 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 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 18, 2013

10:30 a.m.

### **THE GATHERING**

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to cease talking and enter a period of quiet reflection.  
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

God of Peace,  
your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.  
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.  
Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.  
Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.  
We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ \*DOXOLOGY & OPENING SENTENCES

***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.***

The Israelites crossed the Red Sea—

**by faith.**

*Hebrews 11: 29-12:2*

The walls of Jericho fell—

**by faith.**

Knowing that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

**we walk by faith.**

In faith, let us praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised!**

+ \*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

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\*THE CONFESSION

**God of hope, we confess  
our disregard of your care...  
our doubt of your providence...  
our blindness to signs of your love.**

**We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;  
we separate ourselves from you and from others  
and foster divisions between those you love.  
Help us to amend our lives  
and make us your faithful people  
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.**

*Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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."*

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Gloria Patri*

***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.***

ANTHEM

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers  
arr. Kathy Kuehnle

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5: 1-7

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

***Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!***

***Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!***

***Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;***

***Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*** (Tune: MADRID)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 49-56

THE ALLELUIA

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.*

***THE EUCHARIST***

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Bound for the Promised Land*

arr. Mark Hayes

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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,*

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.***

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

**...Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*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**

*Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...*

Holy things for holy people.

**Only one is holy, one is Lord:  
Jesus Christ to the glory of God.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*✠ All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).*

**ANTHEM**

*There is a Fountain*

arr. Patti Drennan

**PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL**

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*As We Go*

***As we go, may your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world as we go.***

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\*All who are able please stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



# Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

*English Country Songs*, 1893  
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,  
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race  
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might - y stream,  
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow - share out of sword,  
To live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace.  
With righ - teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.  
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,  
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,  
For God is long - ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,  
As stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.  
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.  
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.  
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

# The Church's One Foundation

Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
 2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,  
 4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,

She is His new creation By water and the word;  
 Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vision glorious Her long-lingering eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.  
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union  
 With God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly,  
 May live eternally.

## Notes

### ***In the details...***

**The banner in the chancel** represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time.

“Ordinary” is not to connote “mundane,” but refers rather to the counting of the days using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus’ life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God’s sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.

### ***“I’ve Been Wondering...” (FAQs about Worship)***

***Eucharist, Holy Communion, Lord’s Supper—which of these names for the sacrament is correct?***

The short answer is that all of them are correct and each highlights a different aspect of what the sacrament signifies. First of all, “sacramentum” is a Latin word that means “mystery.” We call it a “mystery” because it is a way we can see something that really happens to us on the inside. We have different names for this sacrament.

“Eucharist” comes from a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” Every time we worship God we give thanks to God for taking care of us. The sacrament, then, is a thanksgiving meal at which we give praise and gratitude to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, which brings salvation to the world.

Sometimes we call it the “Lord’s Supper.” This name reminds us of when Jesus gave it to us, sitting around the table with his disciples on the night before he died. This is a meal we have to share together as we remember that night long ago when Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples to remember him every time we gather at the Table and that he will be with us. From this meal, we receive spiritual nourishment for the journey of faith and discipleship.

When we use the name “Holy Communion” we are saying that the sacrament brings us together and makes us “one with Jesus Christ and with all who share this feast,” as we affirm in the Eucharistic prayer or Prayer of Great Thanksgiving. The sacrament, then, is a meal of thanksgiving and remembrance that is set aside (holy) for us to abide in fellowship (commune) together.

***During the Eucharist, why does the presider say, “Holy things for holy people,” and the people respond, “Only one is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God”?***

When we are baptized, we are born into and made a part of “a royal priesthood, a holy na-

tion, God's own people," as the Apostle Peter's first letter tells us (1 Peter 2:9). Churches experiencing a renewal of faith are reclaiming Cyril of Jerusalem's 4<sup>th</sup> century liturgy and this identity as God's holy people has come to have a place in our Sunday worship, as well.

After breaking the bread and pouring the cup, the presider holds them before the congregation and says, *"Holy things for holy people."* The congregation responds, *"One is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God."* This statement affirms what we believe about God and about ourselves. We are made holy—set apart for God's service in the world—and yet, our invitation to the Lord's Table is not because of our holiness, but rather in spite of it. The Lord's Supper is not for those who deserve it, but for "all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love" (*Book of Order*, W-2.4011). We are not worthy, but we are still holy. Our worthiness, like our holiness, comes from God. As human beings, we are finite and limited. In short, we sin. But God loves us nonetheless, and refuses to allow our sinfulness to define who we are.

*"Holy things for holy people. One is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God."* This creedal statement affirms the paradoxical nature of God and the mystery of faith. We are made holy and invited to share the feast of Christ's reign despite ourselves. No one is more welcome or more worthy than another. In our own dirty human holiness, we bask in the light of Christ's own holiness of which we partake and in which we shine. Thanks be to God!

### ***Why are those baskets near the Lord's Table and what do we do with them?***

During the invitation to the Lord's Table, the presider says, "Come, share the feast of the risen Christ." The Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, is a meal of thanksgiving to which we are invited by Christ to feed upon God and be nourished for our spiritual journey of faith. This is a meal that cannot be shared or celebrated too often. Welcomed by Christ, we come to the Table for our spiritual nourishment, but we do so not for ourselves alone. The meal is not simply for our own spiritual contentment, but serves also as fuel for our discipleship in service to others. Coming to the Lord's Table, we act out that Day when "people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). The Lord's Table is one at which all will be fed and no one will go away hungry.

Until that Day, we live our faith by seeing to it that the hungry among us have food to eat. So, as an expression of our faith and commitment to help the poor, the baskets near the Lord's Table are for us to fill with non-perishable food. You may bring the food with you and place it in the baskets as you come forward to the Table, or you may place it in the baskets at any other time that is convenient for you. On the first Sunday of the month, following our sharing of the Lord's Supper, we bless the food in the baskets, giving thanks to God for those who have brought it, as well as for those who will receive it and be strengthened by it. Then, our children and youth carry the food out of the sanctuary to be delivered to the O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry. On the second Saturday of the month, our youth and others work at the Food Pantry, distributing the food to the hungry. So come, share the feast of the risen Christ and be filled with God. Then go, feed others as Christ has fed you.

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## ***Session***

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