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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 are grateful this morning for the music leadership of oboist Tucker Jones. Tucker is an honor student at Francis Howell Central High School. In addition to playing in Wind Ensemble at FHC, Tucker also plays in the St. Charles Youth Symphony Orchestra. He regularly worships with New Hope and has been a part of New Hope's youth ministry. He attended the youth mission trip to Pensacola, Florida, last year, and plans to attend this year's mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. Following graduation this spring, Tucker plans to study business at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

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).

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 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted to the lower-level.

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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

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

Liturgist: Elder Kathy Gibbs

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 153

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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 in Lent

February 25, 2018

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:45) *Lamb of God* Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson
(11:00) *Oboe Sonata No. 1, Second Allegro* G.F. Handel
Tucker Jones, oboe

Prayer of Preparation

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

Eternal God, holy and faithful,
what can we give in return for our life?
Teach us to take up the cross of Christ
with grateful hearts and humble spirits,
offering all for the sake of the gospel,
so that we may receive life in fullness;
through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

...one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ *HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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*THE CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You call us to be a blessing in the world,
but we only seek our own benefit.
You call us to give our lives for others,
but we only seek to save ourselves.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set our minds on divine things—
the good news of the gospel
and the promise of new life in you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Lent was created by the Church with Easter and baptism in mind. So, Lent is not about the small stuff, but aims to place us at the center of it all: the crucified and risen Christ and our identity given in baptism. Lent, then, is a yearly invitation to go deeper into the heart of Christianity.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy* Kyrie Eleison
 1st time, Cantor/Choir
 2nd time, Congregation



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
 ...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

(11:00) ANTHEM *Coming Home* Joseph M. Martin

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
 FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
 EPISTLE READING Romans 4: 13-25
 *THE GOSPEL
 THE ACCLAMATION *Gal. 6:14*
*Cantor: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.*
 GOSPEL READING Mark 8: 31-38

During Lent we "fast" from singing the Alleluia, but we still acclaim the Gospel that brings us God's promised steadfast love.

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) MOMENT FOR MISSION *Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services*
 Debra Paulus

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS
 OFFERTORY MUSIC (8:45) *What Wondrous Love* arr. Vicki Collinsworth
 (11:00) *Oboe Sonata No. 1, First Allegro* G.F. Handel
 Tucker Jones, oboe

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.

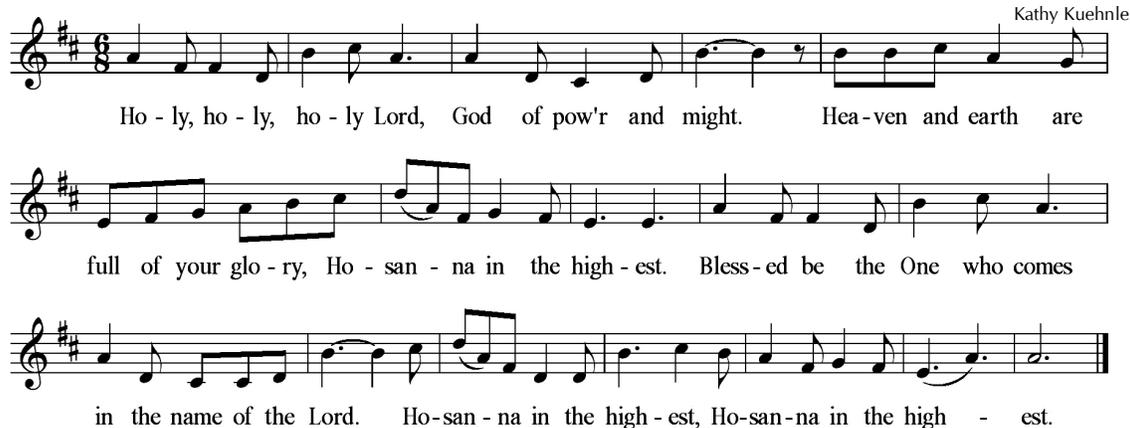
We lift them up to the Lord.

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,

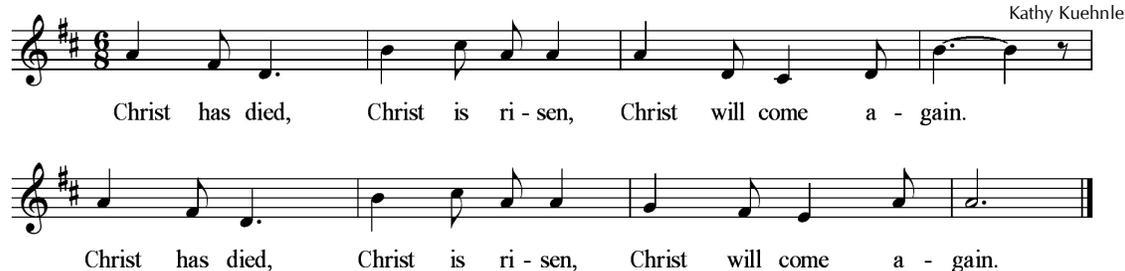
Kathy Kuehnle



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed be the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith," the congregation sings,

Kathy Kuehnle



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The prayer continues. After the words, "...you are all in all, one God, now and forever," the congregation sings,

Kathy Kuehnle



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

∞Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All those 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
Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*HYMN 819

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Matt Limbaugh

"The gifts of God for the people of God," a part of the invitation to the Lord's Table, comes from the Latin, *Sancta sanctis*, meaning, literally, "The holy for the holy" or "Holy things for holy people," i.e. "Set-apart things for set-apart people."

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



HOLY WEEK AT NEW HOPE

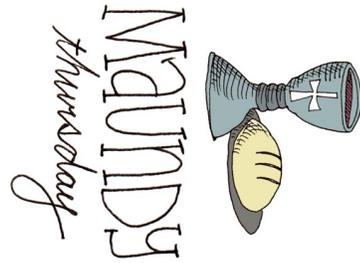
March 25

8:45 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
11:00 Service of Word & Sacrament
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt



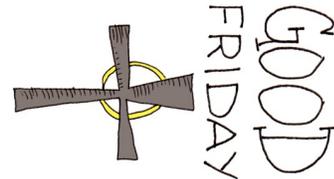
March 29

7:00 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament



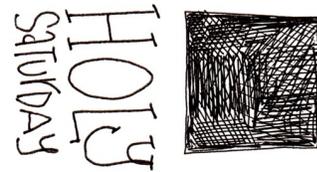
March 30

7:00 p.m. Service of the Word



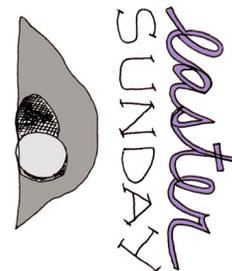
March 31

7:45 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter
Services of Light, Readings,
Baptism & Eucharist



April 1

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament



FAQs about Worship

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of the church year. It is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that serves as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent, as is a liturgical season, is more restrained and somber than during other seasons of the year, yet the Sundays in Lent witness not only the Lord's passion and death, but also his victory over sin and death. Even so, service music containing "alleluia" is traditionally not sung during these weeks, which explains why the Doxology and the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") are omitted from the service.

The Lenten season is a journey with Jesus along the path to Jerusalem and the cross. It is a time to repent, which literally means "to turn around," to turn again to God with renewed trust and gratitude for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. As such, Lent serves as a time of preparing for baptism and the renewal of the baptismal covenant in the journey toward Easter. The color of the season is purple, the color of royalty—and also the color of the robe put on Jesus when he was mocked and beaten (John 19:2). Thus, purple has become the color of sacrifice and penitence.

Why do we "bury" the alleluias for the season of Lent?

What we do with alleluias only makes sense in context with the larger meaning of Lent. So let's start there. Lent arrives each year as the earth prepares to awaken from its winter slumber. So, too, does the church prepare itself for renewal in the springtime of Christ's resurrection. Lent is about the church recovering its center in the dying and rising of Christ as well as preparing candidates being called by God to the waters of baptism. In short, we all learn again how deep is our hunger for God. Marking this spiritual journey are faith practices: communion with God, restraint from excess, and generous sharing. We know these practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we bury alleluias (removing them from our worship) for the season of Lent, we begin a "fast" from using a word which is pungent with the fragrance of Easter. Like seed planted in the soil, we put away our alleluias until that time (at the Great Vigil) when their return to the liturgy trumpets the glory of the resurrection. So, on Transfiguration Sunday, we sing an entire feast of alleluias and, then, with reverence and joy, place them in a "coffin" for 40 days.

PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Eliza Jo Langasek, to Julie & Tony Langasek (January 8, 2017)

for Healing & Wholeness

Anita Phillips (daughter-in-law of Jim & Debbie Phillips)
William Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor)
Mary Fritz (friend of Jim Pettit)
Lindy Stacy
Katie Ward
Camellia Callahan
Joyce Denkman
Sylvia Yackle (sister of Allen Rudolph)
Hannah Shroyer (great-granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Steve Strathearn (brother-in-law of Shelley Geiger)
Rev. Len Aurich (step-father of Connie Pettit)
Craig Weineke (friend of Lisa Foster)
Marianne Thiel
Michael McCallister (cousin of Laura Eikmann)
Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)
Joe Axetell
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)
Fay Teacutter

for the Grieving

Pat & Robin Murphy on the death of his brother, Dave Murphy (January 23)
Mark & Jennifer Everly on the death of his father, Darris Everly (January 16)
Vicky & Rick Koonley on the death of her aunt, Lena Morgan (January 14)
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of their son, Eric Rudolph (January 9)

for those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism at Easter

Joe Axetell (catechumen)
Diana Axetell (affirmer)
Bobbi Cusumano (affirmer)
Julie Langasek (affirmer)
Tony Langasek (affirmer)
Marilyn Pavia (affirmer)

Susan Phillips
Anna Mae Richardson
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)
Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)
Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
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 Rasche)
Sheri Clayton
Garry Clayton
Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Bob Mudrovic

for the World and its People

victims of the school shooting in Florida
victims of the mudslides and fires in California
victims of the school shootings in Kentucky and Texas

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

MUSIC NOTES

The music for the hymn *Be Still, My Soul* comes from a larger orchestral work called *Finlandia*. This composition was written in 1899 by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957).

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 48.1, 100.

Prayer of Confession, as found in as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 51.1, 62.

“Kyrie Eleison”, anonymous.

Eucharistic Setting (Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen), Kathy Kuehnle, used with permission.

Side-bar, page 2, *Worship Guidebook: For Lent and The Three Days* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009), 38.

Side-bar, page 3, *Worship Guidebook: For Lent and The Three Days* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009), 48, 50.

Side-bar, page 5, *To God Alone Be Glory: The Story & Sources of the Book of Common Worship*, Harold M. Daniels (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003), 167.

At its meeting on February 12th, the Session approved a request to inform the congregation about the Clean Missouri initiative and the petition to get it on the ballot in November. You may learn more and/or sign the petition at the information table in the Narthex. To learn more about this non-partisan initiative, visit www.cleanmissouri.org.



THE CLEAN MISSOURI INITIATIVE

is taking a desperately needed legislative reform measure directly to voters to make state government more transparent, limit the power of big money in the legislature, and ensure an ability to hold legislators accountable when they fail to act in the public interest.

Require that legislative records be open to the public by ensuring that the legislature operate under the same open records law as other public entities in Missouri.

Require politicians to wait two years before becoming lobbyists after the conclusion of their final legislative session.

Eliminate almost all lobbyist gifts in the General Assembly by banning any single gift worth more than \$5 — that means no more steak dinners, expensive booze, junkets or sports tickets. This rule would eliminate more than 99% of the lobbyist gift giving happening in Missouri.

Lower campaign contribution limits for state legislative candidates

- to limit the influence of big money and lobbyists in state government.
- Establish new campaign contribution limits for General Assembly candidates— \$2,500 for state senate, and \$2,000 for state house.
- Limit the ability of individuals and organizations to circumvent caps by counting money from single-source committees towards totals for original, actual donors.
- Stop legislative fundraising on state property.

Ensure that neither political party is given an unfair advantage when new maps are drawn after the next census by asking a nonpartisan expert to draw fair legislative district maps, which would then be reviewed by a citizen commission.

- Add fairness and competitiveness as required criteria for new district maps.
- Protect the political power of minority communities against vote dilution.
- Ask an independent state demographer to lead on technical work in creating district maps, instead of entrusting political appointees to do all of that work.

Find out more at www.cleanmissouri.org



*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*

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2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
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Kirk Garten
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