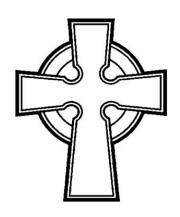
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January 27, 2013

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

- **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 fellows worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.
- **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 of 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 toddler 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 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Alleluia.
- **Congregational Song** for worship will come periodically from *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Sampler* located in the seatbacks of the chairs. This booklet contains a sampling of the hymns and songs to be included in the forthcoming hymnal to be published by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the fall of 2013.
- *Ushering for today's worship:* Joann Laycock, Sharon Martin, Bill & Ruth Reilly, Jim Pettit, Mel Fairchild, Jerry Brown and Kim & Linda Carr.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Allen Sebaugh Last Sunday's Attendance: 235

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Bill Irvine

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.

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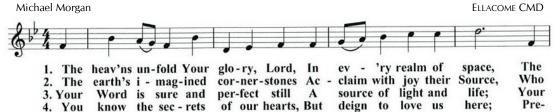
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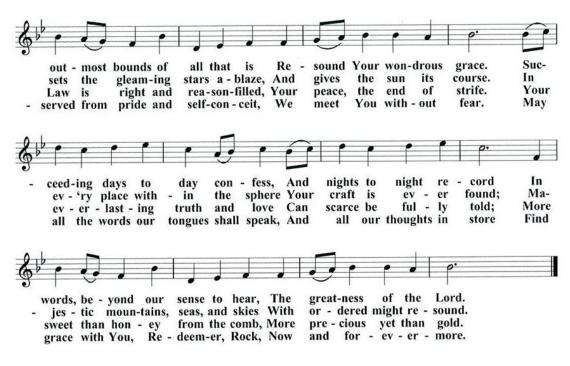
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING **PSALTER**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19





EPISTLE READING *GOSPEL READING THE ALLELUIA

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SERMON

What Do You Hear?

Dr. James

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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.

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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.

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...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.

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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

Explease come to the Table at the center and return to your seat by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together, or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

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Michael Morgan



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 3. Your Word is sure and per-fect still A source of light and life;
 4. You know the sec rets of our hearts, But deign to love us here;

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Celtic Alleluia



Re - sound Your won-drous grace. Sucout - most bounds of all that is gives the sun its gleam-ing stars a - blaze, And course. In sets the Your right and rea-son-filled, Your peace, the end of strife. - served from pride and self-con-ceit, We May meet You with - out fear.



In nights to night re - cord - ceed-ing days to day con - fess, And ev - 'ry place with - in the sphere Your craft is ev - er found; Maev - er - last - ing truth and love Can scarce be ful - ly told; More Find all the words our tongues shall speak, And all our thoughts in store



words, be - yond our sense to hear, The jes - tic moun-tains, seas, and skies With sweet than hon - ey grace with You, Re - deem-er, Rock, Now grace with You, Re - deem-er, Rock, Now great-ness of the Lord. or - dered might re - sound. pre - cious yet than gold. and for - ev - er - more.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

© Following the choral invitation to prayer, silence will be observed for you to offer the joys and concerns of your heart. Then, spoken prayers will be offered on behalf of the gathered church.

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ANTHEM Wings of the Dawn

Linda A. Spencer

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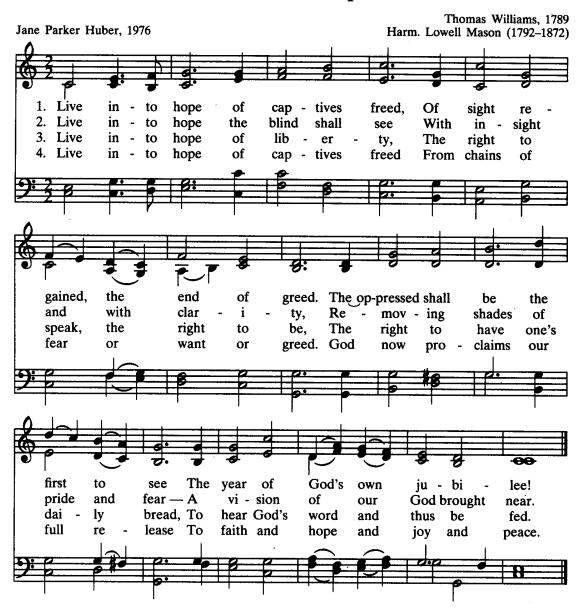
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Live Into Hope



"I've Been Wondering..." FAQs about Worship

Why does worship always begin with the greeting, "Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? Why not simply, "Good morning"?

We never want to underestimate the power and importance of words. Such a greeting as "Good morning" is something we say to each other all the time and it constitutes "polite" speech. The reality, however, is that it is not always a "good" morning. Consider the man who just lost his job, or the woman who is mourning the death of a loved one. The quality of the day is beside the point of our gathering. We gather as Christians for worship not because it's a "good morning" or a "glorious day," because often it's not. We come together as the Church because of Jesus the Christ. Paul often addressed his congregations: "Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Or "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Cor. 13:14). That is not something you will hear that at a Rotary meeting or the Elk's Lodge. A greeting like this signifies that we are called together by a power far greater than ourselves. It sets the tone for this assembly.

Why do we pour water into the font?

In ancient times, people regarding *flowing* water as *living* water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God's beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God's grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God's baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God's own, of our ongoing need for God's grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why do people touch the water when they pass by the font?

The great reformer Martin Luther was a monk who had experienced a crisis of faith in which the more he tried to attain God's love, the more he realized he could not do enough to rise above his own failings. One day while he was reading the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, he was awakened to God's magnificent grace that, of course we can do nothing on our own to win God's love, but that God loves us despite ourselves. It was an incredibly freeing realization as God's grace led him to the connection between the love of God and the meaning of the sacrament. Rather than "I was baptized," Luther came to declare, "I am baptized!" Baptism for Luther became his life-long comfort because it reminded him over and over again that, amidst all the difficulties of life, the truth of God's love and of his own grace-filled identity as a child of God can be seen and heard and felt in the waters of baptism. When we touch the water in the font, we feel with our own skin what we hold in our hearts, that we, too, are

God's beloved claimed by grace, no matter what. Thanks be to God!

Why do we have times of silence in the liturgy?

We live in a world saturated with noise and our culture bombards us with sounds all around. Cell phones and computers, television and radio constantly vie for our attention. In the midst of life in this sort of world, the church gathers to *hear* God's voice in song, scripture, sermon and prayer, but also to *listen* for the Holy Spirit and respond from the depths of our hearts. Silence is the space within the liturgy for this to happen. Aidan Kavanagh has said that silence in worship is "the thunderous quiet of people communicating that which escapes being put into mere words." In our worship, silence is observed at the time of confession, following the sermon, during the prayers of the people, and elsewhere depending upon the season. Learning to engage silence requires just that—discipline and effort, but we are blessed if we try because this silence can become a fruitful oasis by which we are nourished in communion with God. Consider these scriptures: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10); "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!" (Habakkuk 2:20).

Why do we gather around the font for the confession of sin?

"We love God because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). As the people of God, we assemble for worship filled with baptismal confidence. Before we ever come to God, God has first come to us. Whenever and wherever we "find" God, we can be assured that God has first found us. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, our baptism is not an achievement on our part, but rather God's declaration of love and care for us. Knowing we are God's own and washed in love, we are able to approach the time of confession in honesty, vulnerability and the confidence that God will make us new.

Why do those reading scripture say, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church?"

Rather than giving information about the reading (i.e. book, chapter and verses already printed in the worship bulletin), liturgists (readers, also known as "lectors") address the meaning of what is happening when we gather. This is a statement of belief that the Triune God continues to speak in the present time through the Holy Spirit. So we are bid to "listen." This moves the reading of scripture beyond a mere recitation of ancient words. Rather, it is God becoming manifest to shine forth in the Word read and proclaimed. Thus, the liturgist begins with a strong verb—"Hear..."—as a summons for us all to take notice and attend to this still-speaking God.

Why do we say "Amen" at the end of prayers?

"Amen" is a Hebrew word that can be translated "so be it" or "may it be so" or even "yes" though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. "Amen" is the congregation's way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly's response to the prayers, the "Amen" voices the congregation's assent at blessings,

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