



July 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

- We welcome Kathy Kuehnle to the piano bench today, and thank her for lending her gifts while Gay Spears is away for continuing education.
- **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 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, 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo Van Mill, Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Liturgist: Elder Kirk Garten Sound Booth: Jim Pettit Last Sunday's Attendance: 208

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017 10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.

Please silence electronic devices.

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ Greeting & Announcements

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

O God of Jacob,

you speak in the light of day

and in the dark of night

when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth.

May Jacob's vision

remind us to be open and watchful,

ready to discover your presence in our midst. Amen.



- 2. Come all you people, come and praise your Savior...
- 3. Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit...

*OPENING SENTENCES

*THE CONFESSION

God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you,
forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another,
forsaking our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

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

+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Paul Vasile



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING EPISTLE READING

Genesis 28: 10-19a Romans 8: 12-25

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION



Cantor: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

15 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.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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.

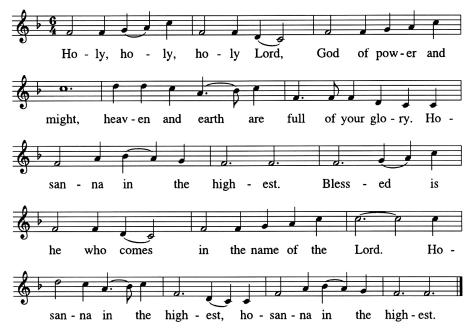
Lift up your hearts.

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,



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



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.

So 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 539 We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

- *BLESSING & CHARGE
- *POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

MUSIC NOTES

The history of today's hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* begins with the tune. Its tune ENGELBERG was composed by the British composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). This tune was originally sung with the text of *For All the Saints*. In the early 1970s British hymnologist John Wilson (1905-1992) requested Fred Pratt Green to write a different text to be sung with ENGELBERG for a choir festival. The Rev. Pratt Green (1903-2000) was born outside of Liverpool. He was ordained in the Methodist church in 1924 and served various parishes well into the 1940s. He is credited with starting an explosion of hymn writing in the later 20th century. Eleven of his hymns appear in our hymnal, *Glory to God*.

(C. Michael Hawn, www.umcdiscipleship.org)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 162.

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

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).

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord's Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord's Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord's Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.

In the details...

The banner to the left of 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 (A) 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.

PRAYERS

of Joy

for a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School

for Healing & Wholeness

Jane Meinert (mother of Chris Meinert)

Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)

Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)

Anna Pulley & baby (stepdaughter of Deb Mackin)

Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)

Fay Teacutter Susan Phillips

Anna Mae Richardson

John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)
Jim King (brother-in-law of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Michele Coleman (friend of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Shirley Robinson (friend of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)

Joe Voss (uncle of Todd Rasche)

 $Charlie\ Stephans\ ({\it grandchild\ of\ Carolyn\ Doerr's\ friend})$

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

Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)

Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)

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)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)

Mike Soo (friend of Jim Pettit)

Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)

Alyssa Murray

Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey) Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes; grandfather of Stacey Bor-

des)

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)

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

Austin Walls (friend of Chris Meinert) & family on the death of his newborn baby (July 10) Deb & Edd Mackin on the death of her sister-in-law, Bea Turner (May 26)

the family of Marion & Erik Hamilton on the death of her father, Chris Hanson (May 20)

Edd & Deb Mackin on the death of his father, Stephen Mackin (May 20)

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

for the World and its People

the people of Syria & Syrian refugees

victims of the terror attacks in England victims of the flooding in Missouri & Illinois victims of the terror attacks in Sweden, Norway, and Egypt victims of the tornado in Perryville



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

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

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2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
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