

New Hope Presbyterian Church



March 17, 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

We welcome Kathy Kuehnle to the piano bench today and thank her for leading our music while Mike Greene is away.

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.

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 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 Gospel Reading.

Ushering for today's worship: Rick Cassetta, Rick & Tyler Etling, Ken Pinkley, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Joe Seidler, Earl & Juanita Bostic and Martha Hoerchler.

Liturgist: (11:00) Katie Sternhagen

Last Sunday's Attendance: 235

Acolyte: (11:00) Summer Brennecke

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Rich Taylor

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013

8:45 & 11:00 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 the living,
through baptism we pass from the shadow of death
to the light of the resurrection.
Remain with us and give us hope that,
rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit
who gives life to our mortal flesh,
we may be clothed with the garments of immortality,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ *HYMN

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*THE CONFESSION

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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."

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 16-21

PSALTER

Psalms 126

Michael Morgan

BRADBURY

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. When the Lord brought home our trea - sure, All de - lights were like a
2. Bring us back to form - er glo - ry, Lost through years of ex - ile's



dream; In de - feat, a shout of vic - t'ry; In the sand, a flow - ing
pain; Gen - er - a - tions long for - got - ten Seek God's fa - vor to re -



stream. Mouths that once were parched with an - guish Now with shouts of joy are
- gain. Those who plant their seeds with griev - ing, Wet - ting soil with fall - ing



filled; Laugh - ter now dis - plac - es sad - ness For the good - ness God has willed.
tears, Shall re - joice in time of har - vest, Reap - ing hope for all their years.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3: 4-14

*GOSPEL READING

John 12: 1-8

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

☞ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you have not been to the waters of baptism and would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

*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 again 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.

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, ending 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

☞ Please 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

THE SENDING

Fight the Good Fight

*HYMN

John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863; alt.

John Hatton (d. 1793)

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine
3. Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; God's bound-less
4. Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God chang-eth

strength and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek Christ's face; Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide; Trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; On - ly be - lieve, and

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two systems.



it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus, Remember Me* Jacques Bertier, 1981



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

POSTLUDE

*All who are able please stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.



Holy Week & Easter at New Hope

- March 24 ***Palm/Passion Sunday***
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
The services will begin outside around the circle drive for the blessing of the palms and the procession into the church and will include the Bell Choir and the Lord's Supper.
11:00 service to include Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders
- March 28 ***Maundy Thursday***
7:00 p.m. Worship & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Chancel Choir
- March 29 ***Good Friday***
7:00 p.m. Worship with reading of the
Passion Story from John's Gospel
Bell Choir
- March 30 ***Great Vigil of Easter***
7:30 p.m. A service in four parts:
Light, Readings,
Reaffirmation of Baptism & Lord's Supper
- March 31 ***Easter Sunday...The Festival of the Resurrection***
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Both services to include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with the Chancel & Bell Choirs.

I've been wondering...

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.

I've noticed that we've been using the same Prayer of Confession for the past few weeks. Is that correct?

That is correct. For the season of Lent, we have been praying the same unison confession during each of our services for the Lord's Day. Ordinarily, we use different prayers for our confession from week to week. Sometimes this is a good thing to do, however, we also want to beware of the mistaken notion that new or different is always good or helpful. The decision to use the same unison confession for the season of Lent acknowledges the reality that is true more often than not, which is that there is usually more in a prayer than can be prayed at any one time. Speaking the same prayer each week over the course of a season allows the prayer to sink in to our hearts and minds. It allows us to reflect deeply on the words themselves and enables the rhythm of the prayer to become a part of our consciousness. Resisting the temptation toward novelty in our worship from week to week gives us pause to pay particular attention to the words we speak, the thoughts we ponder and the feelings that arise from the depths of our being, all of which we offer to God as our true worship.

What is the "Kyrie"?

Kyrie eleison is a Greek phrase that means "Lord have mercy." It has been sung by the Church in worship since as early as the 4th century. Most congregations sing it as a response to the prayer of confession. Possibly based on Psalm 51 and Matthew 15:25, the Kyrie was used by both Martin Luther and John Calvin as an act of contrition, however, it is

actually both an act of contrition and an affirmation—an affirmation that the Lord *has* mercy!

Why do we "bury" the alleluias at the start 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* at the start 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 of Easter) 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.

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.

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