

new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



May 14, 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

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

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips.

(11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel & Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Jeanette Hurrell's birthday, given by Clark and Kelley Hurrell.

Liturgist: (11:00)

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 191

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information 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 (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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Preparation

The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.

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

Risen Christ,
you prepare a place for us,
in the home of the Mother-and-Father of us all.
Draw us more deeply into yourself,
through scripture read,
water splashed,
bread broken,
wine poured,
so that when our hearts are troubled,
we will know you more completely
as the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

(Fine)



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

to Refrain



joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

*OPENING SENTENCES

+ *HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Holy Creator of all that exists,
blessed be your name throughout the ages.
Before the beginning of time
you separated waters from waters
making Earth and all stars.

To the dry land, you give rainfall and mist.

To the seas, you give deeps and currents.

To the creatures and plants, you give the water of life.

Praise to you for water.

Your Spirit churned over the waters
and into the hearts of your people,
rescuing us from floods and legions.

To the thirsty, you give a drink of cold water.

Into the repentant, you pour the cup of salvation.

For the destitute, you offer a pool of healing.

Praise to you for water.

Through the baptism of your Son,
by his body washed in the waters of the Jordan River,
you baptized the waters of all the Earth.

We bathe in water blessed by Jesus.

We drink the water blessed by Jesus.

**The water of your creation frees us,
teaches us, and binds us to you.**

Praise to you for water.

Make us grateful for the gifts of healing water,
beautiful water,
flowing water,
nourishing water.

**Make us thirsty, O God, for your living water,
in the name of the one by whose water and blood,
we live and move and have our being,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

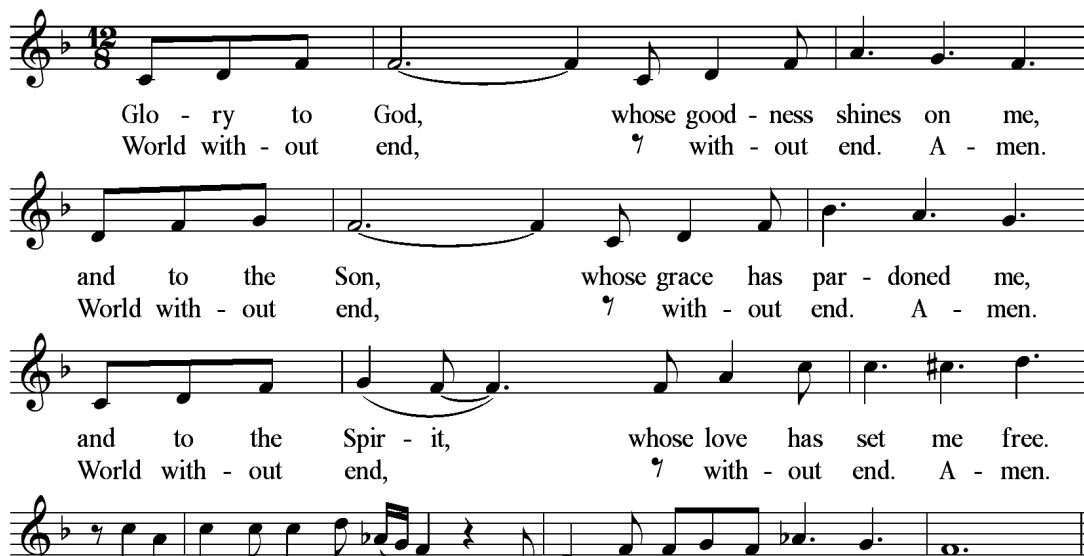
THE PEACE

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



Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

(11:00) ANTHEM

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Rollo Dilworth

*Congregation will sing when directed.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above you heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7: 55-60

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2: 2-10

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

Cantor: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

John 14:6

No one comes to the Father except through me.

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-14

THE ALLELUIA

6 Cantor or Choir All

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

Cantor or Choir All

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

Cantor or Choir All

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

Cantor or Choir All

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.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rock of Ages

arr. Bill Wolaver

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,



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are



ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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.

☞ 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

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*HYMN 246

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

(8:45) The Church's One Foundation
(11:00) Alleluia

arr. Mark Hayes
William Boyce

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



PRAYERS

of Joy

the drafting of Jake Hurrell by the Baltimore Ravens
the birth of Eleanor Grace White, granddaughter of Jim & Sue White (Mar. 21)
the birth of Flynn Dempsey Pettit, grandson of Jim & Connie Pettit (Mar. 10)
the birth of Henry Robert Gonterman, son of Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman (Mar. 6)

for Healing & Wholeness

Chris Hanson (father of Marion Hamilton)
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
Anna Mae Richardson
Diane James (friend of Joe & Susan Petrowsky)
Jim Phillips
Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes and grandfather of Stacey Bordes)
Lee Cortelyou (brother of Susan Petrowsky)

Tom Clayton
Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Patrick & Robin Murphy)
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)
Edd Mackin
Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)
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

Terry and Maureen Wilkerson on the death of their son, Luke Todaro (Apr. 23)
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his uncle, Chauncey Cambers (Apr. 16)
the family of Sally Usai on her death (Apr. 5)
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of her sister, Donna Stromowsky (Mar. 18)
Kathy & Jim Salter on the death of her mother, Rose Mary Meyer (Mar. 14)
the family of Vi Boyd on her death (Feb. 21)

for those who presented their children for baptism and/or affirmed their faith at Easter

Nicole & Nick Faubert Marion Hamilton
Julie Gaffney Alyssa Murray
Tara & Jared Larrew Greg Marshall
Rachel Steele
Chris Truett
Monica & Bobby Schrautemeier

for the World and its People

victims of the flooding in Missouri & Illinois
victims of the terror attacks in Sweden, Norway, and Egypt
victims of the terror attack in London
victims of the tornado in Perryville
victims of the wildfires in CO, TX, KS, & OK
the people of Syria & Syrian refugees

The Season of Eastertide

The paintings of the Exodus story in the chancel, depicting God as the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day, leading the Israelites through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom, are original pieces by Bob Dencker for New Hope's 2016 and 2017 Great Vigil of Easter, respectively. Just as the Resurrection of Christ is the faith-defining story of Christianity at the heart of the New Testament, the Exodus is the faith-defining story of Judaism at the heart of the Old Testament. For Christians, the Paschal candle becomes our pillar of fire and the waters of the baptismal font become our local Red Sea, as we are led from slavery to the old life of sin to the freedom of being united to Christ's own life of love, peace and justice.

The new white paraments, (the covering on the Lord's Table, pulpit hanging and bookmark) are the gifts and handiwork of Leigh Lindahl-Truett. Many thanks to Leigh for her generosity!

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

Why do we call that tall candle the "Paschal" candle and what does it mean?

"Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would pass over the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim

that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

MUSIC NOTES

Brian Wren, the author of *Christ Is Alive!*, has been called the most successful English hymn writer since Charles Wesley. Wren was born in 1936. He holds B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Oxford University and is an ordained minister in Britain's United Reformed Church. Wren was the first holder of the John and Miriam Conant Professorship in Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. He now holds the rank of Professor Emeritus of Worship at that institution. (–Presbyterian Hymnal Companion and Hope Publishing Company website)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 120.

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*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

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

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

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey
Chris Truett

2019
Sharon Barnes
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