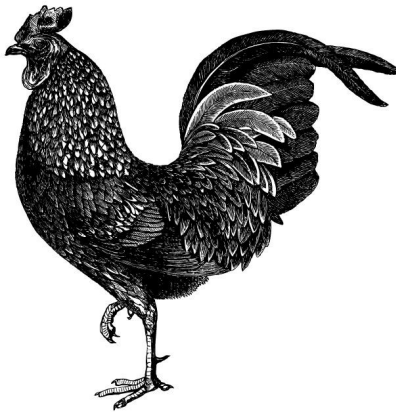


new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



*Reformation
Sunday*

October 29, 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, will not meet today, so that children may be with the congregation for its commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

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: The Mid & Senior High Youth

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Jim Phillips' birthday, given by Debbie Phillips.

Liturgist: Elder Alyssa Murray

Sound Booth: Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132

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

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 29, 2017

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers. Please silence electronic devices. Announcements pertaining to the life of the church are provided in the weekly News & Opportunities. The prayer below is offered to help center one's heart and mind for worship.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious God,
we pray for your holy catholic church.
Fill it with all truth in all peace.
Where it is corrupt, purify it;
where it is in error, direct it;
where in any thing it is amiss, reform it.
Where it is right, strengthen it;
where it is in want, provide for it;
where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

*BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL

James Hopkins

All may stand as the worship leaders enter.

John Dittmar, acolyte Abby Martinez, beadle (Bible-bearer)

*GREETING & OPENING SENTENCES[†]

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
As dawn breaks, the rooster cries to all who slumber: Awake and sing!

**The night, with its shadows and fears, is over.
The creatures of the dark withdraw into hiding,
unwilling to face the brightness of the light;
for God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.**

1 John 1:5

Awake and sing,
for each day our Savior gives us a new day:
with the hope of wholeness, and activity, and joy!
We press on to that high calling.

**From out of the darkness, God created light.
From our brokenness, our Savior makes us whole.
From our poverty, the Spirit lifts us to riches!**

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
so our God gathers us together to be the church.

Matt. 23:37

**Let us combine memory and vision,
but most of all love, to be that people.
Hear the song; awake and sing!
Let our new day of faith begin!**

+ *HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*THE CONFESSION *(a prayer by John Calvin, adapted)*

**Grant, Almighty God, that as you urge us daily to repentance,
and we are also stung with the consciousness of our own sins,—
O grant, that we may not grow stupid in our vices,
nor deceive ourselves with empty flatteries,
but that we may, on the contrary, carefully examine our own lives,
and then with one mouth and heart confess that we are all guilty,
not only of light offences, but of such as deserve eternal death,
and that no other relief remains for us but your infinite mercy,
and that we may so seek to become partakers of that grace
which has been once offered to us by your Son,
and is daily offered to us by the Gospel,
that, relying on Christ as our Mediator,
we may not cease to entertain hope
even in the midst of a thousand deaths,
and we may be gathered unto that blessed life,
which has been procured for us by the blood of your Son,
in whose name we pray.**

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As we believe in one God,
so do we believe that, from the beginning,
there has been and now is
and to the end of the world shall be one church...
by faith in Jesus Christ.
This church is catholic, that is, universal,
but it contains the elect of all ages, of all realms, of all tongues, invisible:
known only to God...
The message of the church is that we are called, saved, and forgiven:
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. 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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

ANTHEM

On Faith Alone (Sola Fide)

arr. Tom Fettke

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3: 19-28

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

John 8: 31-36

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

James Hopkins

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.

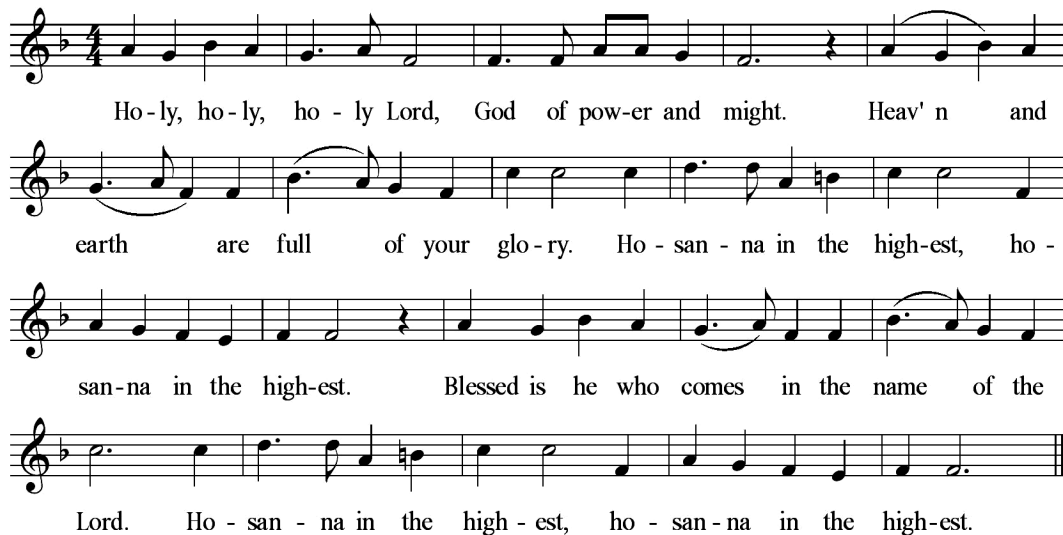
Lift up your hearts.

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' n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he 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, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

**...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.
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
A Mighty Fortress

*HYMN 275

EIN FESTE BURG

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*RECESSIONAL

James Hopkins

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday, as we have known it, is peculiar to Protestant traditions. It is a time to recall the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ must ever and always be about the business of renewal. It's a time to recall the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ is, and of necessity must be, highly adaptive. It is also a time to be reminded that the story of our faith must be retold in ways that are meaningful to each new generation.

The achievements of the early Reformers—those we commemorate today—are dramatic:

- the decentralization of church authority from the monolithic Roman model to more congregational and representative forms of church government;
- the articulation of the “priesthood of all believers” as opposed to the “preeminence” of clergy;
- ordination as a functional responsibility, not some indelible, elitist order;
- the elevation of preaching and teaching to a level of importance equal to that of sacramental celebration;
- the mass publication of Scripture and the recognition of the right—indeed the obligation—of all Christians to read and weigh the impact of it for their own lives;
- the conduct of worship in each congregation’s native language, so that all have equal access to its intellectual, as well as its mystical, rewards; and,
- the dramatic increase in congregational participation in the act of worship, especially in prayer and song.

Reformation Sunday is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves that these are gifts. It is a time to remind ourselves of our need to be about the task of continual renewal as a central and ongoing concern. And it is a time to celebrate those who, with particular devotion, contributed in ways large and small to our great past of which we are the most recent beneficiaries.

† **A Peculiar Symbol**

The cover image and Opening Sentences feature the image of a rooster. During the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, Reformed churches used the symbol of the rooster rather than the cross. The reason for this may be that most crosses at the time were crucifixes, and that clearly became the symbol of the Roman Catholic Church. Also, those were times when each side had little compassion for the other, and many Reformed Christians had been humiliated and forced to kiss a crucifix.

James Huffstutler notes that that a rooster, or a cock, is mentioned only twice in scripture. The first reference is in Proverbs 30:31, which refers to a strutting rooster as a symbol of pride. The other reference has to do with Peter's denial of knowing Jesus three times "before the cock crows" (before the morning), following Jesus' nighttime betrayal and arrest. So, of these two instances, one represents vanity and the other, denial. These are hardly positive images! Why would Reformed churches have adopted the rooster as a symbol?

Yet, we read that Jesus likens himself to a "hen gathering her brood under her wings" (Matt. 23:37). Several Latin hymns from the 4th century include the use of the rooster as one who calls believers to the approach of the new day. So, the symbol of the rooster was used by Reformed churches atop their steeples as the call to awaken to the new day of faith and the new life in Christ. In Holland, especially, and perhaps elsewhere as well, one could tell the faith of a church—or even a whole town—by the use of the rooster or the cross.

In the end, the reformers did not trust symbols, and so did not use them much. Actually, the veneration of statues and the abuse connected with jewel-encrusted reliquaries and golden altars were objects of scorn for them. So virtually all creative energy went into music, and what a rich treasury we have because of it.

The Reformed Tradition has always been careful in its use of symbols so that they may lead worshipers to a deeper understanding of faith rather than serve as a focus unto themselves. In worship, as in all else in the church, we are to reform and keep being reformed by the living God who works among us. (-James C. Huffstutler in Howard L. Rice & James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001), 225-226.)

MUSIC NOTES

Martin Luther's hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, was likely originally published in a book of spiritual songs from 1529; however, there is no copy of this book still in existence. A copy of the second edition of the book from 1533 does contain this text. The text, based upon Psalm 46, presents Christianized treatment of the Hebrew material, but in its day that was considered an appropriate way to understand the psalms. The hymn has been translated into more than 200 languages. (*-Glory to God, A Companion* by Carl P. Daw)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 24.

Opening Sentences, as found in Howard L. Rice & James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001), 216-217.

Prayer of Confession, as found in Howard L. Rice & James C. Huffstutler, *Reformed Worship* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001), 217.

Declaration of Forgiveness, adapted from a statement by John Knox from "The Scots Confession," *Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (USA), 3.16, "The Kirk."

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PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of William Andrew Fletcher, to Nicki & Andy Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor, October 9)
the birth of Rosemarie Lyla Beselman, to Katie & Mark Besselman (September 23)

for Healing & Wholeness

Jim Finks	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Mike Dame	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Lori Seidler	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Herb Gibbs	Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)	Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)	Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)	David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)
Jane Meinert (mother of Chris Meinert)	Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)	Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Fay Teacutter	Sheri Clayton
Susan Phillips	Garry Clayton
Anna Mae Richardson	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)	Bob Mudrovic
Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)	

for the Grieving

Mary Powers on the death of her mother, Mary Stahr Harris (September 28th)
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of his sister, Ruth Gnau (September 26)
Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)
Kathy, Herb, and Eric Gibbs on the death of Kathy's father, Arthur Yauch (September 5)
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)
Emmett Kelewae & Joann Stewart on the death of his son, Gene Kelewae (August 12)
Todd & Liz Rasche on the death of his uncle, Joe Voss (August 9)
Martha Hacker on the death of her friend, Shirley Robinson (August 5)

for the World and its People

victims of the attack in Las Vegas
victims of the hurricanes in TX, FL, & the Caribbean
victims of the earthquake in Mexico

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

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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
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey

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