New Hope Presbyterian Church



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.

- **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 Gospel Reading.

Ushering for today's worship: Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Sharon Martin, Bill & Ruth Reilly, Jim Pettit, Mel Fairchild, Jerry Brown and Kim & Linda Carr.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Holly Martinez Last Sunday's Attendance: 216

Acolyte: (8:45) Elizabeth Peterson (11:00) Ava Tutschulte

Bible Bearer: Quinn Barbee **Water Bearer:** Calvin Lippert **Sound Booth Technician:** (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Deb Garten

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

Palm Sunday

March 24, 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.

Merciful God,

Book of Common Worship

as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,

turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,

to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

that united with Christ and all the faithful

we may one day enter in triumph

the city not made by human hands,

the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,

where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed is the one

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19: 28-40

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and all who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS

(8:45) Grace Peterson Hannah Peterson
(11:00) Charlotte Beckett Katherine Groat
Mackenzie Calvin Grant Locker
Eli Cox Matthew Taylor

LITANY OF PRESENTATION

What is the church?

We are the church:

the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace,

the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.

How do we know this good news?

Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, PC(USA), Questions 35, 37

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, in baptism we promise to guide and nurture by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging one another to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church.

We pledge ourselves anew to this promise.

As these children read and study their Bibles, may your Spirit help them to learn about your love for them in Jesus Christ, that they may know you, love you

and follow you with the whole of their lives. Amen.

(11:00) ANTHEM

Come Jerusalem, Shout Hosanna!

Don Besig

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING PSALTER

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Bob Dencker, cantor

The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.



*GOSPEL READING

Luke 23: 1-49

HOMILY

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death-

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess to the glory of God Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

BELL ANTHEM Palm Sunday Procession

Michael Helman

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 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

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

© All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. As you come forward to the Table, you may place your palm frond at the baptismal font, or you may take it with you to have as you begin the journey through this Holy Week.

You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), 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

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lowell Mason

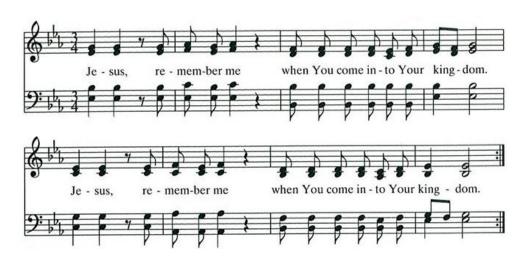
THE SENDING

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier, 1981



*POSTLUDE

+ Those arriving may be seated.



^{*}All who are able may stand.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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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.

Over the past few years at New Hope Presbyterian Church we have been expanding the vocabulary of our faith to include the word Triduum (pronounced TRIH-doo-um) after the Latin, "Three Days." This single word draws together the inseparable relationship between Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (with the Easter Vigil) and Easter morning which are celebrated as one extended liturgy. Though we come and go between our homes and church during this stretch of days, you might notice that the Triduum's liturgies have no benediction until the end of the Easter Vigil.

What does it mean?

Each of our worship services during the Triduum (and the whole of Holy Week) give us all a pretty good spiritual "work out." Not only do we come together *a lot*, there is a lot we *do together* in worship besides listening. The richness of meaning calls us to do a lot of praying, singing, moving, and processing, as we gather, pour water, tell again the story of our faith, and share bread and wine. The Triduum invites us to discover how each day is significant to the other. Just imagine reading J.K. Rowling's, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* without reading the first two books in the series. Something would be lost. So too, each day of the Triduum—Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday, and Saturday to Sunday—brings something indispensable to the meaning of the whole event.

Remembering by Doing

One of the distinguishing features of Christianity is that it is an historical religion. The liturgical year that shapes our worship reflects God's acting in history, especially Jesus' arrest, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Together, this concentration of events creates an intensity of liturgical experience over a very short time span. It is the very intensity of this experience, in fact, that has formed and renewed God's people over hundreds of years. We remember what God has done for us in Jesus Christ by enacting it in our worship, locating ourselves within the larger story of God's people, and living out God's Word at the Font and at the Table. It is a very active sort of remembering. In giving our lives over to this week, we taste new life of the crucified and risen Lord.

Maundy Thursday

This day in Holy Week is traditionally referred to as "Holy Thursday" or "Maundy Thursday." The word "maundy" is derived from the Latin "mandatum" which means "command" and refers to the new commandment to love one another which Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, the night before his death (John 13:34). The congregation gathers this evening to remember that night so long ago when our Lord broke the bread and gave the cup and so instituted this holy supper which has been for more than 1900 years, the Church's holiest occasion of communion and celebration. The mood of the service is not triumphant but somber and reflective as we recall the eve of Jesus' passion and death. At the same time, there is also unmistakably present the note of faith and hope, even as there was on that first Maundy Thursday. So do we as the Church once more gather with our Lord to prepare for his suffering and death but also to anticipate the glory of his resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter.

Good Friday

The Good Friday service is a penitential service that allows for much contemplation and for the power of silence to speak for itself. The passion narrative from the gospel according to John is read, because at the heart of John's passion narrative is the good news of the cross. So, John's emphasis on crucifixion and glory corresponds to the tension and ambiguity of the day.



The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is "the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy." It is one of the most ancient and revered celebrations of the church. In the ancient church, the Easter Vigil marked the time when the catechumens (pronounced *KAT-ĕ-coo-mens*) —those who had studied and prepared through all of Lent—were baptized just before dawn and then shared the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time with the gathered community.

Of all the services of worship throughout the year, the Easter Vigil is the one that tells the story of salvation history from creation through Christ's resurrection. In retelling the stories, we locate ourselves amongst God's people within the story.

The Great Vigil of Easter is a service of worship, but it is worship like you have never experienced it before. The service begins outside around a fire, which represents the light of the risen Christ shining amidst the darkness of death. From there the service moves inside for retelling the story of salvation. Following that, we will all gather at the waters of the font to celebrate the sacrament of baptism and to renew the promises of our baptismal covenant alongside our confirmation students who will claim the faith for themselves. Once renewed, we will gather at the Lord's Table with these newest members of Christ's Church to give thanks (eucharist) and share the meal of our faith. Easter officially begins at sundown on Easter Eve. Therefore, the Great Vigil of Easter serves as the first service of the season of Easter!

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