

new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



June 30, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

Our worship stems from the Presbyterian/Reformed branch of the Christian faith, and you'll find much of what you need to participate in this bulletin. If you're unfamiliar with these traditions, you can also simply let the prayers of the community carry you forward. There is no wrong way to come to God in prayer.

We're glad you're here.

During Today's Worship

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 found in the Outreach & Information Center in the narthex or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery (infant—Pre-K) in Room 204 (main level).

Worship Feast, an alternative Christian formation experience for elementary-age children is available during the service. Children who wish to participate may 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.

Large-print bulletins are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you.

The offering...Your financial contributions to New Hope may be placed in one of the two offering stands located at the entry to the main sanctuary doors.

The Eucharist (the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion) is open to all the 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.

Restrooms are located on the south side of the building, across the hall from the kitchen. When you exit the worship space, turn left and they are down the hall on the right.

Liturgist: Linda Dencker

Tech team: Jim Pettit & Scott Truett

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 (tjohnson@nhpres.org). To arrange for home-bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

New Hope broadcasts our worship livestream to our website. The video and audio of the service are recorded and may be replayed. Your participation in our worship constitutes your consent for you and/or your child(ren) to have your image and/or voice potentially recorded and replayed.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Colleen Shear, clarinet

arr. Stan Pethel

✠ This prayer is offered to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Living God,
gather us into your house
to sing your praise today.
Jesus Christ,
teach us to follow you
and feed us at your table.
Holy Spirit,
send us from this place
with good news for everyone. Amen.

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Ps. 118:1

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

Lam. 3:22

the mercies of God never come to an end.

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*THE CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

...cont.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

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

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

Three staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics: "You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____". The second staff has the lyrics: "You are the Christ, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____". The third staff has the lyrics: "You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____".

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
THE PEACE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

EPISTLE READING

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

2 Corinthians 8:7–15

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

David Haas

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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21–43

SERMON

☞ A moment for silence and reflection.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Legacy Giving

Lynn Harmon

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

☞ Financial contributions to the mission and ministry of New Hope may be placed through the slot of the offering stand located at the entry to the sanctuary, or securely online via the QR code on page 8.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Joel Raney

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. ...cont.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

...Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*☞ Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. Please allow for social distance,
approaching the Table at the center and returning by the outside aisles.*

☞ Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Gluten-free bread is available at the plate in the center.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

...in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



WORSHIP RESOURCES

"There Is a Balm in Gilead." Music: African American spiritual, arr. Stan Pethel. ©2019 Choristers Guild.

Prayer of Preparation. *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018), 17.

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven." Text: Henry Francis Lyte, adap. Ecumenical Women's Center. ©1974 Ecumenical Women's Center.

Prayer of Confession. *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018), 20-21.

"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy." Text: trad. liturgical. ©1970 The Westminster Press. Music: Appalachian folk melody. ©1972 The Westminster Press.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Brian Wren. ©1989 Hope Publishing Co. Music: Harm. Hal H. Hopson. ©1998 Hope Publishing Co.

"Alleluia." Text: trad. liturgical. Music: Mass for the Life of the World, David Haas. ©1993 GIA Publications, Inc.

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp. Music: Joel Raney. ©2009 Hope Publishing Co.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Music: William M. Runyan, arr. Lloyd Larson. ©1923, ren. 1951, and this arr. ©2017 Hope Publishing Co.

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending." Text: Robert L Edwards. ©1961 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Co.). Music: The Sacred Harp, harm. James H. Wood. ©1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services).

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"I've Been Wondering..."

FAQs about Worship

Why is the American flag not displayed in our worship space?

The short answer to this question is symbols matter. We gather as we do each week to worship the triune God. We gather as Christians (or at least aspiring Christians), and we incorporate particular items to facilitate our worship. Pastor and theologian Gordon Lathrop calls them "holy things." Water, bread and wine, and the Word are the primary holy things that facilitate our worship and they are carried by the baptismal font, the Lord's Table, the pulpit. These holy things are all symbols that point to something beyond themselves and they enable us in our worship to enact the story of salvation. These holy things tell something about who God is and who we are as a result.

Not only what symbols we use but how we use them matters. There is seldom only one right way to use these symbols, these holy things, but the way a particular congregation uses them speaks to what it believes about God. And the way we use them also forms us, shapes us, and communicates what we believe. For instance, here at New Hope we have chosen to put our baptismal font in the middle of our space so that we literally gather around it when we worship. These waters that wash us and welcome us into the Christian faith stand at the very center because we are always being welcomed into the Christian community over and over again. Whether you were baptized 100 years ago, or just last week, these waters continue to welcome us and tell us we are beloved children of God. The Lord's Table is on the same level as the congregation and set for a meal every time we gather to feed us on Christ's very self as nourishment for our journey of faith. And the pulpit bears the book that contains our story as God's people from which we hear over and again who we are because of who God is.

At times throughout the year we employ other items as symbols, as well. The Advent wreath grows in light each week as we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas. During Lent, we remove live plants and adorn the space with sticks to connote the dry wilderness of the Lenten journey as Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem and the cross. The Paschal candle is lighted at the Easter vigil to proclaim that the light that is Christ shines in the darkness of death and the darkness does not overcome it. Symbols matter. They tell us

who we are and shape us into the people we aspire to be. They communicate the essential truths we hold most dear.

So back to that question about the flag in the worship space. Certainly, the American flag is an important, powerful symbol, but it has nothing to do with Christianity. The American flag (or for that matter, the flag of any nation) in worship alongside the holy things risks equating, however unwittingly, an unholy alliance between nationalism and religion that never leads anywhere good. Christianity is transnational and, as Christians, our citizenship is far broader than that of any one nation. We must always take care that the symbols we employ in our worship unite us together with the church universal.

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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*
Trudi Johnson, *Office Manager*

Session

2024
Deb Garten
Marion Hamilton
Deb Mackin, Clerk of Session
Jim Phillips
Patrick Tilk

2025
Lindsay Gonterman
Tracy Grundy
Tara Larrew
Greg Marshall

2026
Jeff Connor
Lynn Harmon
Holly Martinez
Stan Whiteley

Diaconate

2024
Jackie Etling
Donna Huffman
Bill Irvine
Cindy Martin

2025
John Cusumano, Moderator
Bob Dencker
Jerry Dyer
Martha Lamey

2026
Bryan Eikmann
Shari Mahon
Joe Seidler
Amie Tilk

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