

We are an Easter people and

Alleluia

is our song.

-St. Augustine

April 3, 2016

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 infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K 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, will not meet today, the first Sunday of the month, so that children may be with the congregation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Craig & Kyle Graber, Patrick Murphy. (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of Deb Garten's birthday, given by Kirk Garten; and, to the glory of God and in honor of the Dittmar family birthdays in April given by Russell and Sue Dittmar.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 286

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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

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

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.

Christ Jesus, risen Savior,
breathe on us with your Spirit
and fill us with your peace.
Enter into our doubt and fear
and touch us with your grace.
Bless us with the faith to proclaim
that you are our Lord and God,
risen from the dead. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***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.***

*OPENING SENTENCES

+ *HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John**

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5: 27-32

EPISTLE READING

Revelation: 1: 4-8

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!, v.4

LLANFAIR

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-31

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



The Season of Eastertide

The painting of the Exodus story in the chancel, depicting God as the pillar of fire by night leading the Israelites through the Red Sea from slavery to freedom, is an original piece by Bob Dencker for New Hope’s 2016 Great Vigil of Easter. 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.

Easter is not simply one day, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ’s resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

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.

PRAYERS

of Joy

Jeremiah (L.J.) Graham, one-year anniversary of being cancer-free (grandson of Tim & Sue Starkey)

for Healing & Wholeness

Kay Rodriguez, cancer (Martha Lamey's mother)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Lauren Jansen	Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery
Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)	Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke
Janice Funk (sister of Sue White)	Paul Hacker, knee replacement
W.T. Bryant, cancer (nephew of Sue White)	Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor)
Deb Karsten, back surgery	Gerry Van Mill, cancer
Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)	Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)
Bette Powers, heart attack (Laurie Meinert's aunt)	Ron Edwards, cancer
Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26)	
Rick Koonley	

for the Grieving

Steve Hyink and Jordan, on the death of his wife, Mary (Mar. 11)
Barbara Newman and family on the death of her uncle, Wayne Buxton (Mar. 2)
Lindy Stacy and family on the death of her father, Richard Staats (Jan. 31)

for those away

Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

for the World & its People

Victims of terrorist attack in Lahore, Pakistan
Victims of terrorist attack in Brussels
Victims of flooding in Louisiana
Syrian refugees

for Travelers along The Journey

<u>Affirmers</u> (affirmed baptismal covenant at the Easter Vigil, Sat., Mar. 26)	Laurie Meinert
Stacey Bordes	Susan Petrowsky
Jane Cox	Mary Powers
Bob Dencker	Ann Schmid
Daryl Denkmann	Sue Starkey
Joyce Denkmann	Tim Starkey
Shelley Geiger	Amie Tilk
Grace Harmon	Patrick Tilk
Barb Lynn	
Dave Lynn	<u>Newly Baptized</u> (at the Easter Vigil, Sat., Mar. 26)
	Greg Marshall



The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Jan Parker, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

2016
Sam Connor
Linda Dencker
Shelley Geiger
Craig Graber
Bill Pires
Jim Salter

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

Diaconate

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann, Moderator
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine
Kelley Hurrell
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