



"The whole purpose of the Bible, it seems to me, is to convince people to set the written word down in order to become living words in the world for God's sake. For me, this willing conversion of ink back to blood is the full substance of faith."

-Barbara Brown Taylor

August 7, 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

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

Flowers: To the glory of God and celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary, given by Deb & Kirk Garten.

Liturgist: Elder Lynne Snyder

Sound Booth: Mark Phillips

Last Sunday's Attendance: 145

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
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

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 & 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.

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may be ready to receive you
wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. 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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*THE CONFESSION

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

Forgive us.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,

and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

For the sake of Jesus we pray.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)*

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.***

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Following the prayer of blessing, students and teachers will be invited to receive an individual blessing from an elder on either side of the Lord's Table. During the time of blessing, the congregation will sing Hymn 544, Bless the Lord.

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

Glory to God 544, BLESS THE LORD

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15: 1-6

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 314 *Christ, Be Our Light (refrain)*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-40

THE ALLELUIA 587

CELTIC 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

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

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

What is the World Like

*HYMN 771

NEW WORLD

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



In the details...

The banner to the left of the chancel represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” is not to connote “mundane,” but refers rather to the counting of the days using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus’ life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God’s sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.

The blue “living water hearts” first appeared at our Pentecost festival, and then in worship over the following several weeks. Through prayer, young and old poured their hearts and hopes for discipleship over them. They now line the chancel wall, filled with these prayers and our commitment to live out our baptism in ways as varied as we are. These hearts flow from the empty cross to the windows which open onto a world into which we are sent to be God’s love and serve others. May they embolden us to “walk wet” as Christ’s hands and feet for our world in need.

PRAYERS

for Healing & Wholeness

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Sally Usai
Charles Carson (father of Ann Ray)
Janice Funk (sister of Sue White)
Michelle Dugger (great-niece of Jan Parker)
Arnold Sanders (grandfather of Marion Hamilton)
Dorothy Morgan (mother of Vicky Koonley)
Sheri Clayton
Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Tasia Pumphrey Iglesias (cousin of Vicky Koonley)
Edd Mackin
Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)
Lauren Jansen
Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
W.T. Bryant, cancer (nephew of Sue White)
Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)
Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery
Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke
Bob Koehler (brother of Elaine Barbee & Ruth Connor)
Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)

for the Grieving

Theresa Edwards on the death of her husband; and Lee, Tom & Cara Edwards on the death of their father, Ronald Edwards (July 16)
Vicky & Rick Koonley and family on the death of her aunt, Doodie Beard (June 30)
Larry & Cathy Holder and family on the death of his mother, Violet Holder (June 3)
Martha & Paul Hacker and family on the death of her aunt, Helen Venable (May 28)
Liz & Todd Rasche and family on the death of her mother, Jane Marter (May 26)
Laurie Meinert and family on the death of her cousin's daughter, Alex Koeller (May 20)
Ann Rademan and family on the death of her uncle, James Fritschie (May 18)
Jay Rademan and family on the death of his grandmother, Nothburga Rademan (May 10)
Phil & Pat Wahler and family on the death of his mother, Mary Lee Wahler (May 3)

for the World & its People

Victims of the attack in Nice, France
the families of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile
the communities of Dallas, TX and Baton Rouge, LA
Victims and families of the terrorist attack in Turkey
Victims and families of the attack in Orlando
Victims of tornados in Oklahoma and flooding in Missouri
Victims of earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan
Victims of flooding in Texas
Syrian refugees



Striving to welcome, worship, grow, serve, and be God's love in the world.

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Kelly Brueggemann, *Child Care Provider*
Sharon & Melissa Lukes, *Child Care Providers*
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
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Kay McCarthy
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