



February 21, 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 nursery on the first floor (Room 204).

**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. 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.

**Ushering for today's worship:** (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler.

**Liturgist:** Deacon Marion Hamilton

**Sound Booth:** (8:45) Mike Dame (11:00) Bill Irvine

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 126

### **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 in Lent*

February 21, 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.*

Loving God, as Jesus wept  
with a mother's tenderness  
over the city of Jerusalem,  
give us the spirit of compassion  
to grieve the suffering of the world,  
and give us the strength of will  
to seek your peace in every place;  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ \*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

#### \*THE CONFESSION

**God of mercy,**

**you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you**

**and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,**

**for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,**

**and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love,**

**neglected justice,**

**and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PEACE

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

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 694 *Great God of Every Blessing, v.2*

AURELIA

***Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,  
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.***

***In Christ we are one body; each member has a part;  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 31-35

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.*

COMMUNION HYMN 518

*Your Only Son*

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor, verses; Congregation, refrain

*(Refrain)*

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

*After the presider and communion servers have received the elements, and before the concluding prayer, the whole assembly is invited to share a moment of silent contemplation before God.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



***Why do we "bury" the alleluia at the start of Lent?***

What we do with alleluias only makes sense in context with the larger meaning of Lent. So let's start there. Lent arrives each year as the earth prepares to awaken from its winter slumber. So, too, does the church prepare itself for renewal in the springtime of Christ's resurrection. Lent is about the church recovering its center in the dying and rising of Christ as well as preparing candidates being called by God to the waters of baptism. In short, we all learn again how deep is our hunger for God. Marking this spiritual journey are faith practices: communion with God, restraint from excess, and generous sharing. We know these practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we bury alleluias at the start of Lent, we begin a "fast" from using a word which is pungent with the fragrance of Easter. Like seed planted in the soil, we put away our alleluias until that time (at the Great Vigil of Easter) when their return to the liturgy trumpets the glory of the resurrection. So, on Transfiguration Sunday, we sing an entire feast of alleluias and, then, with reverence and joy, place them in a "coffin" for 40 days.

## PRAYERS

### *for the Grieving*

Wade Thompson and family on the death of his wife, Tonya (friend of Chris Meinert)  
Lindy Stacy and family on the death of her father, Richard Staats (Jan. 31)  
Bill & Linda Judd and Kristin on the death of his sister, Leta Lorenzen (Jan. 8)  
Scott & Leigh Lindahl Truett on the death of his step-father, Robert Osterbur (Dec. 5)  
Kathy & Herb Gibbs and Eric on the death of her uncle, Carl Yauch (Nov. 23)  
Richard & Sharon Martin on the death of his sister-in-law, Judy Martin (Nov. 22)

### *for Healing & Wholeness*

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)	Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke
Michelle Dugger (Jan Parker's great-niece)	Paul Hacker, knee replacement
Bette Powers, heart attack (Laurie Meinert's aunt)	Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor)
Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26)	Gerry Van Mill, cancer
Rick Koonley	Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)
Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)	Ron Edwards, cancer
Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery	
Mel Fairchild, recovering from heart attack	
Anna Mae Richardson, injured foot	

### *for those away*

Joe & Susan Petrowsky, traveling abroad  
Kay McCarthy, wintering in Florida  
Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

### *for the World & its People*

Victims of tornados in Texas and flooding in Missouri  
Victims of terror attack in Paris, Colorado, and California  
Syrian refugees

### *for Travelers*

<u>Affirmers</u> (preparing for affirmation of baptism)	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
Bert Langford	
Barb Lynn	<u>Catechumen</u> (preparing for baptism)
Dave Lynn	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  
Linda Dencker  
Shelley Geiger  
Craig Graber  
Bill Pires  
Jim Salter

2017  
Jim Cox  
Jennifer Everly  
Clark Hurrell  
Lynne Snyder  
Margo Van Mill

2018  
Sam Connor, 2016  
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  
Martha Lamey  
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