

July 30, 2017

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 of 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). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in the low-er-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. 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: The Youth Group Liturgist: Elder Bill Lamey Sound Booth: Deb Garten Last Sunday's Attendance: 142

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 (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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

THE GATHERING

10:15 a.m.

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers. Please silence electronic devices.

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Joel Raney Prayer of Preparation Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen.



2. Come all you people, come and praise your Savior...

3. Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit...

*OPENING SENTENCES
Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.
Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the LORD and the strength of the LORD; continually seek the face of God.
Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth, O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen.

+*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

***THE CONFESSION**

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness.
We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.
Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

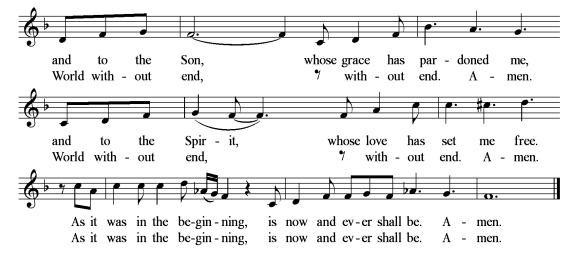
THE PEACE

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



Psalm 105:1-6

DIX



ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. Mark Patterson

THE WORD

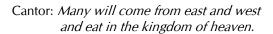
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING EPISTLE READING

Genesis 29: 15-28 Romans 8: 26-39

***THE GOSPEL**

THE ACCLAMATION









GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

D 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.

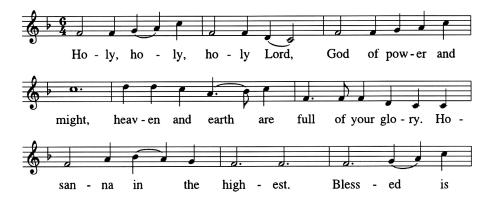
PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

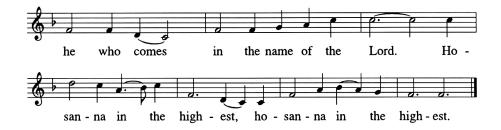
THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS OFFERTORY MUSIC

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER THE INVITATION 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,





The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,



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

Society 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.

So 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 You Are the Seed (Sois la Semilla)

*HYMN

The choir will sing the first verse and the congregation will sing verses two and three (facing page).



2. You are a torch that must burst forth in flame, turning hearts to faith and charity.You are the shepherds that lead all the world in pathways of light and of peace.You are the friends that I chose for my own, you're the word that I want to proclaim.You're the new Kingdom, creating new life of justice, of love, and of truth.

Refrain

3. You are the fire and the life that I bring. You're the wave that stirs up the sea. You, my disciples, must leaven the bread, the Kingdom of God in the world. You are the light and the salt of the earth, never hiding, but showing forth truth; and in your actions of faith and goodwill, the Father will then be revealed.

Refrain

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. John Carter

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

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MUSIC NOTES

Monseñor Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991) is the poet and composer of the hymn "You Are the Seed." He studied theology, musicology, and journalism at the University of Madrid and became a parish priest. He was an important contributor to congregational song following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

(C. Michael Hawn, www.umcdiscipleship.org)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 2*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), 89.

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PRAYERS

for Healing & Wholeness Jane Meinert (mother of Chris Meinert) Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin) Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman) Anna Pulley & baby (stepdaughter of Deb Mackin) Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey) Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell) **Fay Teacutter Susan Phillips** Anna Mae Richardson John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker) Jim King (brother-in-law of Paul & Martha Hacker) Michele Coleman (friend of Paul & Martha Hacker) Shirley Robinson (friend of Paul & Martha Hacker) Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman) Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel) Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin) **Joe Voss** (uncle of Todd Rasche) Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend) Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy) Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke) Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley) Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey) Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey) Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr) Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit) Mike Soo (friend of Jim Pettit) Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert) Alyssa Murray Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey) Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes; grandfather of Stacey Bordes) Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend) David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman) Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin) Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph) Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter) Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit) Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche) Sheri Clayton **Garry Clayton** Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann) Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann) W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White) Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey) Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox) **Bob Mudrovic**

for the Grieving

Dean, Kim, Kaitlin, and Erik Isbell on the death of Dean's father, George G. Isbell (July 8) Austin Walls (friend of Chris Meinert) & family on the death of his newborn baby (July 10) Deb & Edd Mackin on the death of her sister-in-law, Bea Turner (May 26) the family of Marion & Erik Hamilton on the death of her father, Chris Hanson (May 20) Edd & Deb Mackin on the death of his father, Stephen Mackin (May 20) Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his uncle, Chauncey Cambers (Apr. 16)

for the World and its People

victims of the terror attacks in England victims of the flooding in Missouri & Illinois victims of the terror attacks in Sweden, Norway, and Egypt victims of the tornado in Perryville the people of Syria & Syrian refugees



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* Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

Session

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 2019 Jerry Dyer Kirk Garten Bill Lamey Alyssa Murray Sue White

Diaconate

2017 Laura Eikmann Donna Huffman Kay McCarthy Stan Whiteley 2018 Mark Besselman Bill Irvine, Moderator Kelley Hurrell Martha Lamey 2019 Sharon Barnes Jennifer Bommarito Robert Dencker Carolyn Doerr Linda Judd

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