



Christ lives!
Alleluia!

The Festival of the Resurrection
March 27, 2015

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). 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 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, Easter Day, so that children may sing and pray together with the congregation.

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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Awbrey Smith, given by Ernie, Lisa, Terry & Sandi Smith

Liturgist: Jim Pettit

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 224

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.

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is 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.***

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EASTER HYMN

ANTHEM

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 34-43

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

*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!

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GOSPEL READING

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THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Patrick Grant Tilk

Son of Patrick & Amie Tilk

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

*GIVING OF THE LIGHT

*WELCOME

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

*HYMN 248

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HYMN TO JOY

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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,
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Easter Lilies 2016

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carl's parents
Carolyn & Allen Rudolph in memory of the daughter, Lisa, & brother-in-law, Don
Lorena Bane, Randy, Sylvia & Marissa in memory of Warren E. Bane
Betty T. Osiek in memory of Edward H. Osiek
Jack & Tracy Grundy in memory of Katherine Grundy
Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude of Easter Blessings
Deb Mackin in memory of Steve Morris
The Gill, Malta & Bane families in memory of Mary B. Wilcox
Kay McCarthy in memory of Loved Ones
Lindy Stacy in memory of her dad, Richard Staats
Ernie Smith in memory of Awbrey Smith
Sally Usai in memory of Tom Usai
Lynn Snyder in memory of Alma Kuhlow
Ken Pinkley in memory of Fran Pinkley
Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of Linda's parents
Mary Neill in memory of Harlan & Lillian Hommes
Randy, Sylvia & Marissa Malta in appreciation of the Amazing Blessings of God
Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carolyn's parents
Jack & Tracy Grundy in honor of our children
Deb Mackin in memory of George Turner
Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of Bob's parents
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in gratitude for all our friends and family
Ken Pinkley in memory of Steve Pinkley
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THE PEACE

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+ 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;
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PRAYERS

of Joy

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

for Healing & Wholeness

Alyssa Murray, back surgery

Lauren Jansen

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

Janice Funk (sister of Sue White)

W.T. Bryant, cancer (nephew of Sue White)

Deb Karsten, back surgery

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Michelle Dugger (Jan Parker's great-niece)

Bette Powers, heart attack (Laurie Meinert's aunt)

Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26)

Rick Koonley

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery

Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke

Paul Hacker, knee replacement

Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of

Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor)

Gerry Van Mill, cancer

Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)

Ron Edwards, cancer

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)

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)

for those away

Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

for the World & its People

Victims of terrorist attack in Brussels

Victims of flooding in Louisiana

Syrian refugees

for Travelers along The Journey

Affirmers (affirmed baptismal covenant at the Easter Vigil, Sat., Mar. 26)

Stacey Bordes

Jane Cox

Bob Dencker

Daryl Denkmann

Joyce Denkmann

Shelley Geiger

Grace Harmon

Barb Lynn

Dave Lynn

Laurie Meinert

Susan Petrowsky

Mary Powers

Ann Schmid

Sue Starkey

Tim Starkey

Amie Tilk

Patrick Tilk

Newly Baptized (at the Easter Vigil, Sat., Mar. 26)

Greg Marshall

THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

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.

The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter,

lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).



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
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