



May 15, 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 so that children may experience our celebration of Pentecost as a 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 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.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Ryan Dittmar's 12th birthday on May 18th and John Dittmar's 9th birthday on April 5th, given by Russell and Sue Dittmar.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Craig Graber

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mike Dame (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

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

The Festival of Pentecost

May 15, 2016

8:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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and sweep us out into the world to love and serve the living God. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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+ *HYMN 291

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SPIRIT

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

From these waters send us into your world

to be a light for those who struggle to see you,

**a song for those who cannot hear your call
and a hand to walk alongside our brothers and sisters
as we seek to glorify your name.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
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 582

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GLORY TO GOD

Paul Vasile

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



PRAYERS

of Joy

Jocelyn Nicole Faubert, born to Nicole & Nicholas Faubert, and big brother, Jhevin (May 2)
Jeremiah (L.I.) Graham, one-year anniversary of being cancer-free (grandson of Tim & Sue Starkey)

for Healing & Wholeness

Angela Garner (friend of Rick & Vicky Koonley)	Rick Koonley
Vi Boyd, broken pelvis	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	Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)
Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)	Ron Edwards, cancer
Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26)	

for the Grieving

Phil & Pat Wahler and family on the death of his mother, Mary Lee Wahler (May 3)
Tina Johnson & Tom Wilson and family on the death of their father, Adolph Wilson, Jr. (Apr. 30)
Daryl & Joyce Denkmann on the death of their granddaughter, Ami Rodgers (Apr. 15)
Rick & Vicky Koonley on the death of their friend, Billy Frazier (Apr. 11)
Terry Martinez and family on the death of his father, Robert Martinez (Apr. 10)
Martha Lamey and family on the death of her mother, Kay Rodriguez (Apr. 9)
Kay McCarthy, on the death of her brother, Ken Lutz (Apr. 7)
Barbara Newman and family on the death of her nephew, Lee Johnson (Apr. 6)
Steve Hyink and Jordan, on the death of his wife, Mary (Mar. 11)

for the World & its People

Victims of tornados in Oklahoma and flooding in Missouri
Victims of earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan
Victims of flooding in Texas
Victims of terrorist attack in Lahore, Pakistan
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
Shelley Geiger	Sue Starkey
Grace Harmon	Tim Starkey
Barb Lynn	Amie Tilk
Dave Lynn	Patrick Tilk
	<u>Newly Baptized</u> (at the Easter Vigil, Sat., Mar. 26)
	Greg Marshall

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CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

☞ Those Travelers who received the waters of baptism or renewed the promises of baptism at Easter, along with their Companions, have spent the season of Easter reflecting on the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and on the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. They have explored how these events shape their lives and empower them for ministry in daily life and relationships.

Presiding minister: These Travelers and Companions along *The Journey* have expressed their desire to live out their discipleship through ministry in daily life. They will lift up New Hope to others through the ministry of parenthood, through the gift of being more wholly aware of God's presence throughout their days, and sharing the blessings of God's love, grace and mercy with others.

To the congregation: Will you, the members of this congregation, support these your own as they minister among us?

We will.

To the Travelers & Companions: Both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to one another, at morning and evening, at work and at play, from this day until the day of your death?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PRAYER

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit
you have knit these your servants
into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Look with favor upon them
in their commitment to serve in Christ's name.
Give them courage, patience, and vision;
and strengthen us all in our Christian discipleship
of witness to the world and service to others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage, hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak;
help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me, vv.1-4

KELVINGROVE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Will You Come and Follow Me*, v.5

KELVINGROVE

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

The Gift of the Spirit

According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1–13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power—the unseen power of God—moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach YHWH*, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28–29), the *ruach* is to open everybody to God’s future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost’s new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God’s mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible.

The Spirit-filled experience ignited the faithful and sent them outward, giving utterance in word and deed to the good news. “The cause of good works, we confess,” states the Scots Confession (chapter 13) “is not our free will, but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus.” Our call as disciples of Christ is not only to celebrate but also to show and tell neighbors about God’s new world coming in the name of the crucified and risen Christ.

The same Spirit that empowered Jesus to love enemies was the Spirit that enabled the Corinthian church to love their antagonists. A living fellowship means living as the body of Christ by preaching the Word with freedom, breaking bread together, reconciling with adversaries, and serving neighbors, near and far. What makes possible the church’s witness to the resurrection of Christ is the Spirit of God.

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“I’ve Been Wondering…”

FAQs about Worship

Why does the pastor wear a robe and what is it called?

The whole of our worship—the liturgical space, its architecture, liturgical furnishings (font, table, pulpit) and even our order of worship—is full of symbols, pointing to something meaningful beyond themselves. Even the clothing pastors and other liturgical leaders wear says something important.

At the time of the Reformation in the 16th century, pastoral leaders of Protestant Churches wanted to dissociate themselves from what they perceived to be a sort of clerical elitism practiced by priests who set themselves apart as “intermediaries” between God and the people. To that end, many Protestant pastors chose to wear clothing common to the academy, simply signifying the importance in the Reformed Tradition of an educated clergy. These robes, often known as Genevan gowns, are traditionally black, though can also come in the colors of the academic institution from which a particular degree is earned. A robe with velvet stripes on the sleeves indicate that its wearer has earned a doctoral degree.

Another kind of robe that is often worn by liturgical leaders is called an *alb*, which comes from the word “alba” meaning “white.” It reaches back into history much further than the academic regalia known to many Protestants. In the earliest centuries of the Church, when people were baptized, each one—fresh from the water—was clothed in a white robe. It expressed the idea that to be baptized was to “clothe yourself with Christ” (Galatians 3:27) and to join the multitude of people who had “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). This garment became one of the basic symbols of baptism, as well as the garment of choice by those serving the Christian assembly as its liturgical leaders.

Neither a Genevan gown nor an alb is more right or better than the other. Each simply says something different about the person wearing it and about the assembly being served.

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at



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Craig Graber
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Jim Cox
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