



May 1, 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Craig & Kyle Graber, Partick Murphy. (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Bryan Eikmann

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 164

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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.

Christ Jesus, our peace,
send forth your Holy Spirit
to fill our hearts this day.
Surround us with your peace,
sustain us by your grace,
and strengthen us in your word,
so that we may always be
your true and faithful disciples.
This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH 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 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO.1

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Holy Creator of all that exists,
blessed be your name throughout the ages.
Before the beginning of time
you separated waters from waters
making Earth and all stars.

**To the dry land, you give rainfall and mist.
To the seas, you give deeps and currents.
To the creatures and plants, you give the water of life.**

Your Spirit churned over the waters
and into the hearts of your people,
rescuing us from floods and legions.

**To the thirsty, you give a drink of cold water.
Into the repentant, you pour the cup of salvation.
For the destitute, you offer a pool of healing.**

Through the baptism of your Son,
by his body washed in the waters of the Jordan River,
you baptized the waters of all the Earth.

**We bathe in water blessed by Jesus.
We drink the water blessed by Jesus.
The water of your creation frees us,
teaches us, and binds us to you.**

Make us grateful for the gifts of healing water,
beautiful water, flowing water, nourishing water.

**Make us thirsty, O God, for your living water,
in the name of the one by whose water and blood,
we live and move and have our being,
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

*Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

Paul Vasile

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

I Will Trust in the Lord

arr. James Pethel

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
EPISTLE READING

Acts 16: 9-15
Revelation 21:10; 21:22—22:5

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*, v.4
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

LLANFAIR

GOSPEL READING John 5: 1-9

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, 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.

EASTER REFLECTIONS

Joe Seidler

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.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



PRAYERS

of Joy

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

for Healing & Wholeness

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)	
Rick Koonley	

for the Grieving

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 Larkin (Apr. 6)
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)

for those away

Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

for the World & its People

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



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*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Kelly Brueggemann, *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
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey
Chris Truett

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