



July 6, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

Our worship stems from the Presbyterian/Reformed branch of the Christian faith, and you'll find much of what you need to participate in this bulletin. If you're unfamiliar with these traditions, you can also simply let the prayers of the community carry you forward. There is no wrong way to come to God in prayer. We're glad you're here.

During Today's Worship

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 found in the Outreach & Information Center in the narthex or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery (infant—Pre-K) in Room 204 (main level).

Worship Feast, an alternative Christian formation experience for elementary-age children is available during the service. Children who wish to participate may be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted across the hallway.

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.

Large-print bulletins are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you.

The offering...Your financial contributions to New Hope may be placed in one of the two offering stands located at the entry to the main sanctuary doors.

The Eucharist (the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion) is open to all the 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.

Restrooms are located on the south side of the building, across the hall from the kitchen. When you exit the worship space, turn left and they are down the hall on the right.

Liturgist: Elder Greg Marshall **Acolyte:** Ben Moore

Tech team: Bob Davenport & Julie Nowakowski

Wifi network: NHPCGuest **Wifi password:** Reformed

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 (tjohnson@nhpres.org). To arrange for home-bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

New Hope broadcasts our worship livestream to our website. The video and audio of the service are recorded and may be replayed. Your participation in our worship constitutes your consent for you and/or your child(ren) to have your image and/or voice potentially recorded and replayed.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.

Please silence electronic devices.

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

America, the Beautiful

arr. Tedd Smith

✠ This prayer is offered to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Fill us with your holy love, O Lord,
and open the treasures of your wisdom to us.
You alone, know all that we desire.
So perfect what you have begun in us,
and answer the prayers you instill in us
through the stirring of your Holy Spirit.
Even as we seek your face,
turn to us and show us your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied,
and our peace will be complete. Amen.

-based on a prayer of Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jonathon Hamilton

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

Ps. 66:1-2, 8

**Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**

Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*THE CONFESSION

Source of all that gives us life,
we have turned away from your authority
to our own small concerns.
Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens,
for boating of anything but your cross,
for believing in our own power to justify our lives,
and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone.
Lead us to the river of life
that in all we do, we may honor your name.

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

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____'. The second staff has the lyrics 'You are the Christ, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____'. The third staff has the lyrics 'You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____'. Each staff ends with a double bar line.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

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

Glory to God

GLORIA

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in__ the high - est!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff begins with a '5' above the first measure. Each staff ends with a double bar line.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 66:10-14

EPISTLE READING Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA 7



GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERMON

A moment for silence and reflection.

*HYMN 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

...and strengthen our hands to serve you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Financial contributions to the mission and ministry of New Hope may be placed through the slot of the offering stand located at the entry to the sanctuary, or securely online via the QR code on page 10.

We Are Called

arr. Mark Hayes

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.

...Therefore we take up our harps to praise you,
even by the waters of Babylon.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. Please approach the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

☞ Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Gluten-free bread is available at the plate in the center.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



"I've Been Wondering..."

FAQs about Worship

Why is the American flag not displayed in our worship space?

The short answer to this question is symbols matter. We gather as we do each week to worship the triune God. We gather as Christians (or at least aspiring Christians), and we incorporate particular items to facilitate our worship. Pastor and theologian Gordon Lathrop calls them "holy things." Water, bread and wine, and the Word are the primary holy things that facilitate our worship and they are carried by the baptismal font, the Lord's Table, the pulpit. These holy things are all symbols that point to something beyond themselves and they enable us in our worship to enact the story of salvation. These holy things tell something about who God is and who we are as a result.

Not only what symbols we use but how we use them matters. There is seldom only one right way to use these symbols, these holy things, but the way a particular congregation uses them speaks to what it believes about God. And the way we use them also forms us, shapes us, and communicates what we believe. For instance, here at New Hope we have chosen to put our baptismal font in the middle of our space so that we literally gather around it when we worship. These waters that wash us and welcome us into the Christian faith stand at the very center because we are always being welcomed into the Christian community over and over again. Whether you were baptized 100 years ago, or just last week, these waters continue to welcome us and tell us we are beloved children of God. The Lord's Table is on the same level as the congregation and set for a meal every time we gather to feed us on Christ's very self as nourishment for our journey of faith. And the pulpit bears the book that contains our story as God's people from which we hear over and over again who we are because of who God is.

At times throughout the year we employ other items symbolically, as well, all of which convey meaning. The Advent wreath grows in light each week as we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas. During Lent, we remove plants and adorn the space with sticks to connote the dry wilderness of the Lenten journey as Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem and the cross. The Paschal candle is lighted at the Easter vigil to proclaim that the light that is Christ shines in the darkness of death and the darkness does not overcome it. Symbols matter. They tell us who we are and shape us into the people we aspire to be. They communicate the essential truths we hold most dear.

So back to that question about the flag in the worship space. Certainly, the American

flag is an important, powerful symbol, but it has nothing to do with Christianity. The American flag (or for that matter, the flag of any nation) in worship alongside the holy things risks equating, however unwittingly, an unholy alliance between nationalism and religion that never leads anywhere good. Christianity is transnational and, as Christians, our citizenship is far broader than that of any one nation. We must always take care that the symbols we employ in our worship serve to form us in ways that unite us together with the church universal.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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*Striving to welcome and include all,
worship God,
grow in Christian faith,
serve others,
and be God's love in the world.*

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2025
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Tracy Grundy
Tara Larrew
Greg Marshall

2026
Jeff Connor
Lynn Harmon
Holly Martinez
Stan Whiteley

2027
Rick Getz
Bill Lamey
Deb Mackin, Clerk of Session
Colleen Shear

Diaconate

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Bob Dencker
Jerry Dyer
Martha Lamey

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