

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come here today by a long road.
We have a story to tell about the journey.
We have memories to share.
Sweet times and bitter times.
We look back on the road we have travelled.
We remember God with us on that road.
God is still with us here, walking with us.
Let us worship God!

* **HYMN 15** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, so many times you have asked us to remember:
to remember where we have come from,
to remember how far you have brought us,
to remember your blessings,
and to remember the bitter times too—
so that we can remember how you got us through.
Yet, we forget things. Our memories are fragile.
We even force things into oblivion.
We don’t remember that our present moment is part of a
bigger fabric that you are weaving together—
generations of stories coming together
into a future of healing we can’t see yet.
Forgive our tunnel vision, O God.
Even when our memories are frail, help us to remember
one thing: you are with us.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 12:3-8, 11-14, 25-27,
p. 51-52 (OT)

ANTHEM *God Is My Shepherd* Dvorak

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 14:12-16, p. 827 (NT)

SERMON “What Do You Mean By This?”

* **HYMN 233** “The Day of Resurrection!”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of
every race and people, to live as one community. But we
rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring
God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in
others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor
and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to
our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts
with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting
love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of
bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ
of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her
nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the
prodigal home, God is faithful still.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Wilhelmi

Doxology (Hymnal, back page)

Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, we thank you...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread* arr. Berger

All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 202** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your
monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the
world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ein feste Burg/St. Anne Medley* arr. Schram

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Emily Neel
Today's greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis
Today's ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Manna Food Bank

Due to some staffing changes and vacancies at MANNA Food Bank, the volunteer time slot we have enjoyed for many years--second Tuesdays at 4:15 PM--is currently unavailable. So, we will not be meeting at MANNA on Tuesday, May 10, as previously planned. But have no fear! Our fearless leader, Linda Lewis, is already working on arranging a new monthly time that works both for MANNA and our volunteers. Stay tuned ... the fun will begin again soon!

Praying for Guatemalan Families

Beginning today, one family from our sister church, El Divino Salvador, will be featured weekly in the bulletin and in our e-news. Please pray for them and our covenant relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This photo is of a family who has been instrumental in the church and community.



From right to left: Romilio Capir (an elder in the church), his wife Reyna, their children Aylin and Eladio, and Romilio's mother, Maria. Romilio and Reyna lead the music and singing during worship. Both of their children are outstanding students and receive scholarships.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 8 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, May 4.

Vax up or mask up: masking is now optional for those who are vaccinated.

Please stay away from church if you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022
11 o'clock



“What Do You Mean By This?”



“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.”
(Exodus 12:14)

New Hope Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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