

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**      *Breathe On Me, Breath Of God*      Arr. Mark Hayes

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We long for a love that breaks down barriers.

**O Christ, break through our fears with your love.**

We long for a peace that softens stress.

**O Christ, break through our worries with your peace.**

We long for a purpose that helps make a difference.

**O Christ, break through our confusion with your call.**

Christ is alive! He is with us!

**Let us worship God!**

\* **HYMN 703**      “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

#### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Risen Christ, you have promised to be with us always.**

**Yet, fear and anxiety often seem to be pressing in on us.**

**We lock the doors to the things that scare us,**

**but dread still seems to find its way in,**

**seeping in under the crack below the door.**

**We wonder how your risen presence makes any difference,**

**and we remain afraid.**

**Forgive us for fearing other things more than trusting you.**

**O Christ, breathe on us once again,**

**that our shaking legs might be strengthened,**

**our nervous stomachs relax,**

**and our hearts emboldened for joyful living.**

**Then may we be your witnesses to the world,**

**like a cup filled to the brim and overflowing with love.**

*Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon*

#### \* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240, vv. 1, 4

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Psalm 104:24, 27-30, 33

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      John 20:19-23

**SERMON**      “Healing the Disciples”  
*Easter Encounters with Hurting People*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* **HYMN 286**      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Self Offering*

*Offertory*      *Amazing Grace*      Arr. Lee Turner

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise

Than when we’d first begun.

(Repeat Verse 1)

\* *Doxology*

Hymnal, back page

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*The Lord’s Prayer*

**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.**

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

\* **HYMN 817**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*Jazz Etude #1*

by Milan Dvorak

## 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:**      Patricia Grace

**Today’s greeters:**      Pat Koontz and Margaret Marsh

**Today’s ushers:**      John and Carolyn Ledford

### Voices of Conflict, Voices of Hope: A Poetry and Faith Series

In our next Faith Formation opportunity, Virginia Hebert will lead us in an exploration of poetry from countries that have experienced or are experiencing war: Guatemala, Israel/Palestine, and Ukraine. Come listen to poets from these countries speak to their pain and to their hope, and consider how their words may inform our faith. The group will meet for two more Mondays—April 29, and May 6—at 7 PM at the church.

### MANNA Food Bank Volunteering

We volunteer on the second Friday of every month from 1-3 PM. Join us on May 10 directly at MANNA. Contact Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296 to sign up.

### Fibers of Hope

Our knitting group has grown to include various handcrafted projects, and we've adopted the name "Fibers of Hope." We meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 PM in the library. Come join our small group with your knitting project. And, if you would like to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, we can supply the yarn. Questions? Contact Bonnie Runkle by email at [bonnie.runkle@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.runkle@gmail.com) or at (717) 393-9024.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, May 5 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, May 1.

### 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.*

#### Session Members

Terri Carpenter (2025)  
Woody Ferrell (2025)  
Virginia Hebert (2024)  
Susan Maveety (2024)  
Barbara McLean (2026)  
Andy Morse (2026)  
Jean Moxley (2024)  
Nan Riley (2026)  
Nancy Spann (2025)  
Kim Wells (Moderator)

#### Deacons

Bill Carpenter (2024)  
Janet Ferrell (2025)  
Tom Fife (2026)  
Ann Moorefield (2024)  
Cal Reid (2026)  
Karen Ward (2025)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024  
11 o'clock



"Healing the Disciples"



"... the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear ..." (John 20:19)