



New Life Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2011
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Journey to Easter

To Loose

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† Please stand if you are able, SF - Sing the Faith  
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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

Prelude

Grace and Peace to you. Let us worship God.

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” (first in Spanish, then in English) SF 2007

*Announcements and Introductions
Welcome and Introduction of Guests*

The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.

We kindle the first light.

*It is our custom at New Life to light the votive candles on the Communion table
as we sing hymns, pass the peace of Christ, and offer prayers of the people.*

Please come forward at any of these times.

Call to Worship

One: O Come let us sing to God

All: For in our singing we pray twice.

One: O come, let us offer our hearts

All: That we may find rest and peace.

One: O Come, let us open our ears

All: That all we do is praise.

† Hymn of Response “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” SF 2103

Invitation to Confession

Come, let us pray together in the mercy of God

Prayer of Confession in Unison.

We are here before you, merciful God, to declare to you and before others our sin.

**We come knowing that your mercy will cover us,
but when we admit where we have fallen short and received your pardon,
we are new people altogether.**

Hear our prayer .

We have fallen short as we have turned from others in need.

We hear of trials and yet we do not stand for justice.

We hear of hunger and need yet we do not act.

We hear of war and we do not pray and act for peace.

We know others are hurting and yet we do nothing.

Turn us. Redeem us. Make us new.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News and Believe! In Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hearing the Word

Psalm 130

Responsive Reading

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope!**

One: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope!**

One: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope!**

One: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope!**

One: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with God is great power to redeem.

All: **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope!**

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Ain’t Got Time to Die” words and music Hall Johnson.

*Lord, I keep so busy praisin’ my Jesus, ain’t got time to die.
‘Cause when I’m healin’ the sick, I’m praisin’ my Jesus.
‘Cause it takes all o’ my time to praise my Jesus, to praise my Lord.
If I don’ praise Him, de rocks gonter cry out, “Glory and honor!”
Lord, I keep so busy workin’ fer de Kingdom, ain’t got time to die.
‘Cause when I’m feedin’ the po’, I’m workin’ fer de Kingdom.
Lord, I keep so busy servin’ my Master, ain’t got time to die.
‘Cause when I’m givin’ my all, I’m servin’ my Master.
Now won’t you git out o’ my way! Lemme praise my Jesus.*

A time with the children

† Greeting one another sharing the peace of Christ that we may worship as friends.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Reading John 11: 1-45

Sermon: “Too Loose”

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Hymn of Centering for Prayer (remain seated)

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

SF 2128

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People

Bidding Prayers of the People

Our time of prayer will offer us time to raise our own prayer and to hear the prayer of others.

We will respond “God, you hear our prayers,” or “God, we thank you.”

We offer prayers of thanksgiving....

(we give thanks silently or aloud for our many blessings)

We pray for those who are ill and need your healing presence....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud, those for whom we seek God’s healing)

We pray for the created world....

(offer prayer for concerns for the earth)

We pray for the world where there is need

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the world’s needs)

We offer prayer for the Church and for our church family....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the faithful)

We offer prayer for those who need your protection....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for those needing God’s guidance and protection)

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing Our Bounty

Mission Focus: One Great Hour of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Music on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

Take my life and let it be dedicated God to Thee.

May these gifts of heart and hand be dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

Now and always Let it be so.

† Hymn

“Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You”

SF 2222

† Charge and Benediction

† Choral Benediction

“Walk in Love”

Music on Tables

Please be seated as we have our Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers. All are welcome to stay for this meeting.

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
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*There is still time in Lent for you to use the One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank and the giving calendars that are provided.
Remember, the fish bank is not just for coins*

Holy Week

Next Week ~ Palm Sunday. Bring a friend to worship.

Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Open Labyrinth Walk from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Taizé service at 6:30 PM.

Easter morning begins with breakfast at 8:30 AM

followed by an Easter egg hunt and then Worship and Communion.

There will be no 6:30 PM Taizé Service on Easter, April 24.

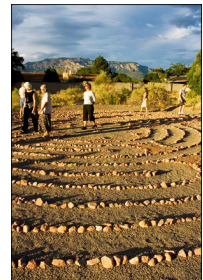
Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

We carry out God's mission for New Life as a joyful, sensitive faith community modeled on the inclusive and healing love of Jesus Christ. We reflect Christ's love to all who come through our doors, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, race or economic status. We extend this ethic to our pastor, elders and deacons.

- We are open to freedom of interpretation of Scripture, believing that truth is also found in our experiences of God in our individual and communal lives.
- We practice freedom of expression in worship, inviting participation from the whole congregation.
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.
- As part of our ministry to explore and deepen our individual and collective spirituality, we host an ancient form of walking meditation called the labyrinth.
- We reach out to the community at large through our ongoing participation with Project Share, Habitat for Humanity, the Martineztown House of Neighborly Services, and other projects.

NEW LIFE is home to two labyrinths, tools for walking prayer and meditation, that date back to the 12th century pattern found in Chartres Cathedral in France. Our indoor canvas labyrinth is used for meditative services throughout the year. The outdoor labyrinth is open from dawn to dusk daily year-round.

Every Sunday evening, a contemplative Taizé service from 6:30 - 7:15 is held at New Life. On the last Sunday evening of each month we hold a shorter Taizé service with a labyrinth walk following. The Labyrinth walks will be held outside, weather permitting. In 'uncooperative' weather and on special occasions, we will have the walk on the indoor labyrinth.



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The New Life Session meets today after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.
Contemplative Taizé Service ~ Every Sunday evening at 6:30
Taizé service and Labyrinth walk ~ will be held on Good Friday this month