



New Life Presbyterian Church

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Journey to Easter

Eyes Wide Open

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† Please stand if you are able,

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, BOJ - Book of Joy, 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

“My God, What a Morning”

BOJ 81

*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: Spring has come to New Mexico!

All: The bulbs push their blooms up through the parched soil.

One: The buds on the trees burst open,
dressing the trees in pink and white splendor.

All: The first Mourning Cloak sits on the branch sunning her wings.

One: Clouds gather on the horizon with the promise of rain.

All: The wind gusts blow the dry sand that obscures our vision.

One: But even when our vision is obstructed,
God is present in it all and guides us on the journey.

All: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn of Response

“Hymn of Promise”

BOJ 56

Collective Prayer:

One: We see through our own set of lenses

All: Therefore, we are blind to many other options.

One: Open our eyes to see new visions

Women: Of beauty,

Men: Of healing,

Women: Of joy,

Men: Of hope.

One: Open our eyes to see more clearly,

Women: The pain,

Men: The hunger,

Women: The abuse,

Men: The danger.

One: Open our eyes to see

All: Our path.

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Jacob’s Ladder” traditional spiritual, setting by Daniel Kallman.

We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, soldiers of the cross.

Every rung goes higher, soldiers of the cross.

Sinners, do you love your Jesus? If you love him, why not serve him?

We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, soldiers of the cross.

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God (unison)

Just as we have offered our monetary gifts,

let us share our spiritual blessings with each other.

† Hymn

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

PH 324

Hearing the Word

Gospel Lesson

John 9: 1-41

Sermon: “Eyes Wide Open”

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 - Haiti

*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

† Invitation to the Offering

We are blessed in many ways.

**Accept now our material gifts in response and thanksgiving
for our abundance.**

**Let us be agents of change and help us see and celebrate
the work of God in the world. Amen.**

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

BOJ 86

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Receive these gifts of heart and hand that we gratefully return to you
that Your Kingdom come and Your will be done. Now and always. Amen**

Going Out

† Charge and Benediction

† Choral Benediction

“Walk in Love”

Music on Tables

Postlude

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This morning's service was prepared by Lynn Coburn and the Worship Committee.

*Resources: "Jacob's Ladder" traditional spiritual, setting by Daniel Kallman.*

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## Lenten Bible Study ~ 5:30 PM on Wednesdays

**We want you to come and Join us for the Lenten Bible Study; it's not too late to begin.**

**We treasure your presence.**

**Light supper provided. Study on Discipleship in the Gospels.**

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

**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.**

## Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, April 10 after worship to elect officers.

*When others see in you gifts and talents to be used for the Good of the Kingdom,  
and you are called to serve God through the work of this church,  
recognize God's hand in asking you to serve. And say Yes.*

**W**elcome 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.

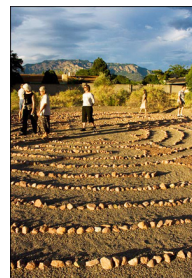
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- 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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**MINISTERS - ALL THE MEMBERS OF NEW LIFE**  
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**Bobbie's Office Hours: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 1-6**  
**Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.**

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**The New Life Session** ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month 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