



New Life
Presbyterian Church

August 14, 2011

Great is your faith!
Let it be done for you

New Life Presbyterian Church

*August 14, 2011
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Prelude

Grace and Peace to you now and always

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn

“Gather Us In”

SF 2236

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community

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: Gather us in

All: For we have been called to this place.

One: Bring us together

All: Knowing that God makes no distinctions between us.

One: Be present to this moment

**All: Clearing our heart that God may come in
Let us Worship God.**

† Hymn of Praise

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PH 315

Call to Reconciliation

Our words, our deeds, our lives build barriers
between us and others,
between us and God.

But God would shatter every distinction,
God would reshape us as new people.

Let us come to the One who loves us, and longs to forgive us.
Join me as we confess our sins together, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We admit, Providing God,
that we have difficulties living as your children.
We could live in unity, but our words fracture relationships
with family and friends.
We have been shown the way to your kingdom,
but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others.
When we could offer others the precious oil of peace,
we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection.
Have mercy on us, Healing Heart, have mercy on us.
When you call to us, may we listen with open ears,
understand with embracing hearts,
and share your grace with others,
even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

A silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news for you:
God has provided hope for you, filling you with joy, with mercy,
with peace.

People: **As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share
with the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hearing the Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 56: 6-8 from *The Message*

One: And as for the outsiders who now follow me,
working for me, loving my name, and wanting to be my servants—
All who keep Sabbath and don't defile it,
holding fast to my covenant—

**All: I'll bring them to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
They'll be welcome to worship the same as the 'insiders,'
to bring burnt offerings and sacrifices to my altar.**

One: Oh yes, my house of worship will be known as a house of prayer
for all people."

**All: The Decree of the Holy One, God, who gathers in the exiles of Israel:
"I will gather others also, gather them in with those
already gathered."**

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"Inside" by Peter, Paul and Mary

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

Greeting one another sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you. And also with you.

Reading from Epistle to the Romans 11: 29-32 from *The Message*

† Hymn

"As A Fire is Meant for Burning"

SF 2237

Reading from Gospel of Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon "Amazing Faith"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Hymn to draw us to prayer (remain seated) "Holy Holy Holy"
Please join in singing in English or Spanish

SF 2007

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People
*As we offer our prayers of petition and of thanks, the people respond,
"God, you hear our prayers," or "God, we thank you."*

The Prayer of Jesus
*We pray this prayer inviting each of you to pray it in the version closest to your heart.
Even as we pray, we listen to the rich diversity here.*

The Church in Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We return to you our offering of heart and hand
that we your church may serve you faithfully in all things.**

Going Out

† Sending Hymn

"Go With Us Lord"

PH 535

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Go in Peace to Love and Serve God

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey  
and the Worship Committee.  
Prayer of Reconciliation and Confession written by Thom M. Shuman  
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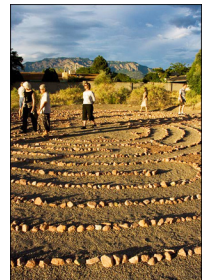
Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

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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Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND PIANIST - MATALIE WHAM
SECRETARY & WEB WEAVER - DIDI ACOSTA

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 ~ the last Sunday of each month