

New Life Presbyterian Church

February 20, 2011

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‘You shall love your neighbor
and hate your enemy.’
But I say to you,
Love your enemy
and pray for those
who persecute you,
for your Father in heaven
makes the sun rise on the evil
and the good,
and sends rain
on the righteous
and the unrighteous.”

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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

† Opening Chant “You Shall Be Like a Garden” Music is on the tables.

*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 in Unison

**Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith
to the One who hears all prayers
Let us worship God.**

† Hymn Praise the source of faith and learning SF 2004

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession in Unison.

**Hear our prayers O God that we may worship with a clear heart.
We admit that we have fallen short of your desires for us.
Hear our prayers as we open our hearts to you. (a time of silence)**

Words of Assurance

We give you thanks and praise.
Hear the Good News, with God's love given to us in Jesus
we are made new people altogether.
Forgiven and freed let us be at peace.

Hearing the Word

† Hymn

Halle halle halle halleluja!

SF 2026

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

From Matthew 5:43-45:

*"You have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
But I say to you, Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you,
for your Father in heaven makes the sun rise on the evil and the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."*

"'Tis the Gift to Be Simple" Shaker song, harmony by Richard Wetzel.

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

From President Obama's memorial speech in Tucson, AZ, January 2011:
*"Rather than pointing fingers or assigning blame, let us expand our moral imaginations,
listen to each other more carefully, sharpen our instincts for empathy
and remind ourselves of all the ways our hopes and dreams are bound together."*

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God

*To our guests and first time visitors today: During the sharing of the Peace
it is our custom to move around and greet one another. Please join us.*

Responsive reading

Psalm 119:33-40

One: Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

One: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

All: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who live in awe of you.

One Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

All: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life. Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 38-48

Sermon "Live Generously" Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Silence

Call to Prayer - Spirit of the living God

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."*
Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Sharing Our Bounty

*And then the sheep will ask, "Master, what are you talking about?
When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?
And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?"
Then the Master will say,
"I'm telling the solemn truth:
Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored,
that was me - you did it to me."*

Matthew 25: 37-40

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn Bind us together, Lord SF 2226

Going Out

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
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Church Women United will meet to celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th. The worship service is written by the women of Chile and is entitled, "How Many Loaves Have You?". The morning will begin at 9:30 am with coffee fellowship and the service will begin at 10:00 am. The service will be held at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3905 Las Vegas Dr. SW.

Directions: I-25 south to Rio Bravo exit, turn right, go to Isleta Blvd, turn left, go to Camino del Valle, turn right, go to first left onto Martin Rd., go one block to Las Vegas Dr., turn left to St. Andrew UMC. Please join us for this celebration! For more information call Jan Miller - 345-6709.

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.

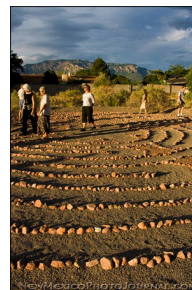
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- 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 ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.
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Taizé service and Labyrinth walk ~ the last Sunday of each month