

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27
Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: "Goodness of God"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

† Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" PH 358

Offering Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology Copies on Tables

† Prayer of Dedication

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."*

Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Going Out Into the World

Prayer

God you knit us together and you tell us to bravely walk out into the world
sharing your love and light in all we do.

† Sending Hymn "Hope of the World" PH 360

† Charge and Benediction

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee  
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4:00 PM this afternoon ~ Bobbie's Installation Service
NO Contemplative Taizé Service this evening
Taizé service and Labyrinth walk ~ the last Sunday of each month



New Life Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2011

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† Please stand if you are able

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, SF - Sing the Faith, BOJ - Book of Joy

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Gathering

The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

Prelude

Grace and Peace to you; let us worship God.

† Gathering Hymn “God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” PH 268

*Announcements and Introductions
Welcome and Introduction of Guests*

Three 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.

New Life Choral Ensemble Directed by Matalie Wham
“Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart” by David N. Childs

Call to Worship

One: We wait patiently for you O God, confident that you hear our cries.

**All: Even in the midst of deep trouble you steady us
and put a new song in our mouths and in our hearts.**

One: None can compare with you, O God, Lord and Redeemer.

All: I believe that I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

† Hymn

Prayer of Transformation *written by J. Berry*

One: When hope invites us to journey elusive,
beckoning onward but never in our grasp:

**All: God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.**

One: When dreams glimmer in the distance, fading, clouded and hidden,
or shining with new brightness:

**All: God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.**

One: When established patterns collapse into the uncertainty of the unknown,
and security dissolves into a memory:

**All: God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.**

One: When the illusion of success threatens to divert us
and silence our souls' yearning:

**All: God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.**

One: When we think our journey has ended in the star-lit glow
only to find the end is a new beginning:

**All: God of wisdom and promise
give us courage to travel on.**

Proclaiming the Word

New Life Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Testimony” by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

Long ago, a voice on the wind. Long ago, a face against the sky.

*And I heard his Word of a God of love and peace,
and I saw how the light shines so strong from his searching eyes.*

Yes, I saw the light of God shining in his eyes.

Was it true, that voice on the wind? Was it real, that face against the sky?

Yes, I've found my joy in this God of love and peace,

and I've seen that same light shining bright in his people's eyes.

Here, with you, I see that light that was in his eyes.

We must share that Word on the wind and the light we've seen against the sky.

Go and tell the world of this God of love and peace

and reveal to the world that strong light that was in his eyes.

Show to all the light that shines there in Jesus' eyes.

Time with the Children

† Sharing the Peace of Christ