

New Life Presbyterian Church

January 30, 2011

The peace of God
is a simple peace:

Do justice.

Love kindness.

Walk humbly with God.

The peace of God is simple.
It is not easy.



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What does the Lord require of you?

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† Please stand if you are able, BOJ - Book of Joy

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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

Grace and Peace to you let us worship God.

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn "I Will Sing" BOJ 61
Sing the four verses first, and then end with the Allelu

*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 from Micah 6: 6-8

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

All: God has shown us what is good.

One: What does God require of us?

All: Do justice.

Love kindness.

Walk humbly with our God.

† Hymn "What Does the Lord Require of You?" BOJ 176

Sung by the New Life Congregational Choir - That's YOU!

Three Parts: Those who ask, "What Does the Lord Require?:"

Those who answer: "Justice, Kindness, Walk humbly with your God."

And the third part is for the slightly off-beat singers
who like to be creative with their answer

Hearing the Word

Responsive reading Psalm 15

A Book of Psalms: Selected and Adapted from the Hebrew by Stephen Mitchell

Lord, who can be trusted with power,
and who may act in your place?
Those with a passion for justice,
who speak the truth from their hearts;
who have let go of selfish interests
and grown beyond their own lives;
who see the wretched as their family
and the poor as their flesh and blood.
They alone are impartial
and worthy of the people's trust.
Their compassion lights up the whole earth,
and their kindness endures forever.

Confession and Plea (together)

Gracious God,
Jesus has told us that our lives are enriched
by loving you and having compassion for our neighbors.
We confess that compassion is hard for us.
We ask you, God, that
when we are too selfish or too pessimistic,
too hollow or too hardened,
or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands.
Help us make our way back to you.
Direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love's demands
and the grace to receive love's gifts.
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.
Amen.

Assurance

Rest in the assurance that God knows us better than we know ourselves,
loves us, and forgives us.

A time with the children
Children leave for Sunday Circle.

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.*

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
Matthew 5: 1-12

Table Bibles, NT page 166
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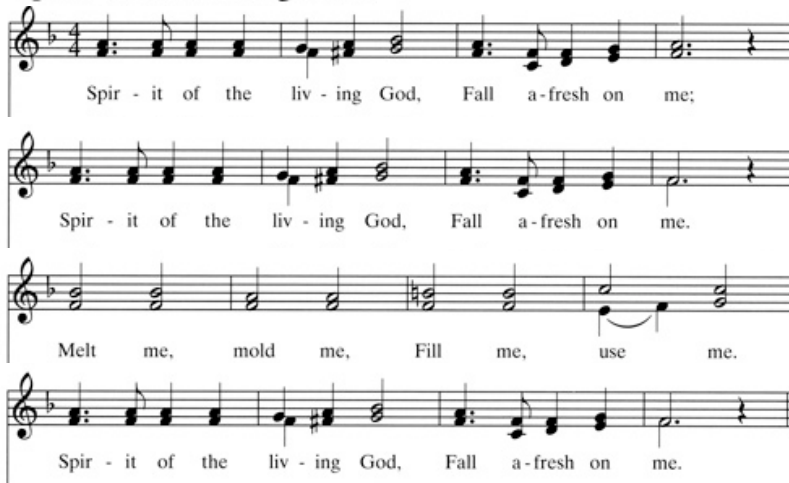
Sermon: "Imperative Surrounded by Grace"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Sung Call to Prayer (remain seated)

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson, 1935



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me;
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

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

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

BOJ 186

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We bless your name, Lord, for by your grace are we saved;
by your mercy, forgiven;
by your forbearance, accepted;
by your love, restored!**

**We praise you, Amazing God, for by your grace are we made gracious;
by your mercy, we become merciful;
and by your loving forbearance, we are moved to love others.**

**Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude
and use them to extend your grace, mercy, forbearance
and love in the world. Amen.**

Going Out

† Hymn for Going Out

“Sent By the Lord Am I”

BOJ 115

† Charge and Benediction

Our hands and feet are ready now, Lord.

The task is ours to do.

**Carry us and guide us out into a world of pain and hurt
to show your justice, peace and love. Amen.**

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This morning’s service was prepared by Didi Acosta and the Worship Committee.  
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Taizé service and Labyrinth walk this evening at 6:30.



“Transformation and Recovery”
“Transformation and Re-Discovery”

Refreshments will follow the walk.

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, February 6, 2011, after worship.

Church Women United will meet at Sandia Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 4th.

Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program following at 10:00. Shannon Cupka of NM Aging and Long Term Services will present the program. Sandia Presbyterian is located at 10704 Paseo del Norte NE.

For more information, contact Helen LeKates at 883-6903.

**New Life will collect nonperishable food through the second Sunday in February.
Please write yourself a note if you haven’t already brought a can or two.**

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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Refreshments will be served after the walk.