

# New Life Presbyterian Church

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Then a voice said from heaven,  
"This is my own dear Son,  
with whom I am pleased.

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† Please stand if you are able, SF - Sing the Faith

## Gathering

*The chimes call us to the tables for worship.*

† Gathering Hymn

### Take Time

Richard Avery  
Donald Marsh



1. Once up - on a cold De - cem - ber man - y long years a - go,
2. With no heat - ers, How - ard John - sons noth - ing to ease the way.
3. What we learn from these three wise men is that we must take time;



1. three im - por - tant men took time to tra - vel a year or so.
2. With no com - pass, Ex - xon maps or help from the A. A. A.
3. time to find him, time to fol - low thru all the grit and grime.



1. O - ver moun - tains, thru deep val - leys, trav - 'ling aw - fully slow.
2. No ga - losh - es, scarves, um - brel - las, for a rain - y day.
3. There are val - leys we will en - ter, there are hills we'll climb.



1. They took time to seek a sav - ior, long years a - go.
2. They took time and pains to find him, the hard - est way.
3. God will help us thru it all if we just take time.

*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 Psalm 29 in *The Message*

One: Come and let us praise God by saying:

All: **Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"**

One: In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power.  
Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor God!

All: **God thunders across the waters—  
Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness!**

One: God's thunder is tympanic, God's thunder is symphonic.  
God's thunder smashes cedars and sets the oak trees dancing.

All: **We fall to our knees - we call out, "Glory!"**

One: Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which his power flows,  
from which God rules the world. God makes his people strong.

All: **God gives his people peace.**

† Hymn

"Creator of Mountains"

SF 2061

### **Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer of Transformation

**Dearest God, our Lord, our friend, our Redeemer:**

**We know that transformation takes time. It takes prayer. It takes courage.  
And it takes action.**

**Be with us today, O God, as we determine the next steps to take  
on our individual and collective paths of transformation.**

**Guide us and give us strength and hope. Amen.**

Assurance

Hear the Good News, children of God!

God loves us, knows us—our every thought.

And God loves us STILL!

New Life Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Lo, How a Rose / The Rose” by Craig Hella Johnson

Time with the Children

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

*The chimes signal a time for us to re-collect.*

Scripture

From the Prophets

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Page 670 in the table Bibles

From the Gospel of Matthew 3: 13-17

*(Good News translation)*

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John said, “and yet you have come to me!”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires.” So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.”

Communion Meditation  
A silence is kept.

“Given as a Covenant”

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

### **Responding to the World**

Invitation to the Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† NL Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Accept our gifts, O God, as we joyfully present them.**

**May we never grow tired of sharing your bounty! Amen**

## Sealing the Word with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

† Communion Hymn

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

SF 2007

*All who believe in God’s love manifest in Jesus are invited to share in the communion.  
Jesus Christ is the bread of heaven. Jesus Christ is the cup of salvation.*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

Therefore we praise you joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets and apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Prayer of Jesus from the Casa del Sol Prayer adapted for today’s Communion

*Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, bread baker  
and wine maker, we give you thanks and praise.*

*Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.*

*You worked the world into being, instilled all creation with life,  
and shaped us as your people.*

*In your holy name, O Jesus, feed the world community with your bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who are untrue to us.*

*Do not forsake us in our time of fear,*

*but lead us with courage into new beginnings.*

*For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours  
now and forever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion is served at the tables.

*An elder will begin by asking one of us to pour the grape juice into the individual cups. Then the elder will break the small loaf and offer it to the next person saying, "Christ's body broken for you." We will all continue in kind until the bread has gone around the table.*

*When we all have our cups filled and bread ready to take, the pastor will say, "The body of Jesus, the Christ, is broken for you," and we will eat the bread. Then the pastor will say, "Christ's blood is here, poured out for you. Drink all of it," and we will drink the cup.*

Prayer following Communion

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

**All: and all that is within and around me.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

**All: and remember all of God's gifts to us.**

### Going Out Into the World

† Hymn for Going Out "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

SF 2184

† Charge and Benediction

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This morning's service was prepared by Didi Acosta and the Worship Committee.

Resources: responsive prayer from Malone UCC.

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**Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient.**

**The New Life Session meets today.**

**Contemplative Taizé Service ~ This evening at 6:30**