

# New Life Presbyterian Church

March 27, 2011  
Third Sunday in Lent

## Journey to Easter

### Draw the Water

O let all  
who thirst  
come to the water.  
And let all  
who have nothing  
come to the Lord,  
without money,  
without price.

Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing come to the Lord,  
without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil come to the water.

And let all who are weary come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden to the Lord.

Bring the children, without might:  
easy the load, and light. Come to the Lord.

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† Please stand if you are able BOJ - Book of Joy, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal  
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*The chimes call us to the tables for worship.*

## **Gathering**

Prelude

*Grace and Peace to you in the Name of Jesus  
who calls us into community to worship and praise God.*

† Gathering Hymn

“Welcome”

BOJ 175

*Welcome and Introduction of Guests*

*We welcome all who have come to worship as a part of this community.  
Your presence makes us stronger. We invite you to join in all of our celebrations, prayers,  
study and activity. We pray that you will consider yourself already part of who we are as  
New Life Presbyterian Church.*

*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: adapted from Psalm 95

One: Come, let us shout praises to God.

**All: Let us march into God’s presence singing praises.**

One: God is a great God.

**All: God’s hand is in all things and we are of God.**

One: Let us join together in worship.

**All: Let us lift the rafters with our hymns!**

† Hymn of Response

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

BOJ 166

## Hearing

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17: 3-7

But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?"

Moses cried out in prayer to God, "What can I do with these people? Any minute now they'll kill me!"

God said to Moses, "Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. 6 I'm going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink.

Unison Prayer

**Holy One,**

**Sometimes we are like the Israelites in the desert.**

**Our souls become dried out and lifeless. We are full of complaints.**

**We see only the drab brown dust that settles on everything around us.**

**We have fallen away from the loving people you have created us to be**

**and have seen only our own need and our own desires as important.**

**We have turned from those in the world who need your life giving Water.**

**We have turned against your guiding our words and actions.**

**We seek your forgiveness and to be showered by the blessing  
of your Living Water.**

**Help us remember that water is life-giving.**

**Seeds hidden in the dry, parched soil, come to life and bloom.**

**When the rains come, the desert is washed clean.**

**Our souls, like the hidden seeds, stir and grow**

**when we are watered by the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

**Help us remember to go to the well and to drink deeply of the water therein.**

**Amen.**

## Hearing the Word

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

*"Come to the Water" words and music John Foley*

*Words are on the cover of the bulletin.*

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.*

† Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

PH 281

New Testament Lesson

John 4: 5-42

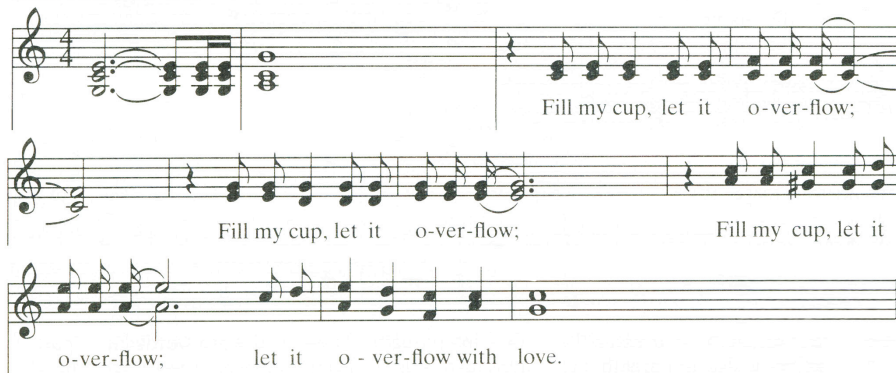
Sermon: “Drawing on the Water”

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Sung Call to Prayer

“Fill My Cup”

Isaiah Jones, Jr., 1969



Fill my cup, let it o-ver-flow;  
Fill my cup, let it o-ver-flow; Fill my cup, let it  
o-ver-flow; let it o - ver-flow with love.

### Bidding Prayers of the People

*Our time of prayer will offer us time to raise our own prayer and to hear the prayer of others.*

*We will respond with “God, you hear our prayer,” after each individual intercession.*

We offer prayers of thanksgiving....

(we give thanks silently or aloud for our many blessings)

We pray for those who are ill and need your healing presence....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud, those for whom we seek God’s healing)

We pray for the created world....

(offer prayer for concerns for the earth)

We pray for the world where there is need ....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the world’s needs)

We offer prayer for the Church and for our church family....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for the faithful)

We offer prayer for those who need your protection....

(offer prayer, silently or aloud for those needing God’s guidance and protection)

### *The Lord’s Prayer*

## Invitation to the Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Statement

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We bring these gifts in gratitude for our blessings.**

**We pray that others may also receive the living water  
and be nourished and blessed. Amen.**

† Charge and Benediction in Unison

† Choral Benediction

“Walk in Love”

Music on Tables

Postlude

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This morning’s service was prepared by Lynn Coburn and the Worship Committee.

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**5:30 PM on Wednesdays: All are invited to the light Supper  
on Wednesdays with the Lenten Bible study.**

**Easter Week ~ Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday Labyrinth Walk at 7:00 PM**

**Easter morning begins with breakfast at 8:30 AM**

**followed by an Easter egg hunt and then worship and Communion.**

**There will be no 6:30 PM Taizé Service on Easter, April 24.**

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women’s movement, will meet on Friday, April 1 at Grant Chapel A.M.E. beginning with coffee fellowship at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00.

Marsall Jenson, Director of the Center for Refugee Settlement & Support with Catholic Charities, will talk about settling refugees from other countries into homes and schools in Albuquerque.

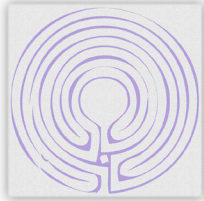
Grant Chapel, 7920 Claremont Ave. NE, is located between Pennsylvania & Wyoming and between Candelaria & Menaul. Please join us!

**W**elcome 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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### **MINISTERS - ALL THE MEMBERS OF NEW LIFE**

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**Bobbie's Office Hours: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-5, Wednesday 1-6**

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

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND PIANIST - MATALIE WHAM: 266-2857**

**SECRETARY & WEB WEAVER - DIDI ACOSTA: wireless 450-2127**

**The New Life Session** ordinarily meets on the second Sunday after worship.

**Taizé service and Labyrinth walk** ~ this evening at 6:30

Wednesday Evenings at 7:15, **Choir Rehearsal** for one hour