

A painting of a sunset over water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water. A rainbow is visible in the sky, arching over the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

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Breathe in the promises

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*“The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.”*

— William Sloane Coffin

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† Please stand if you are able, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, 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**

† Gathering Hymn

“Gather Us In”

SF 2236

*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

**Let us hear God’s voice calling us  
in prayer and silence,  
in word, in song,  
in the smile of a friend,  
in the greeting someone new.**

**Let us hear God’s voice calling us to be empowered  
to welcome God in all times in our lives.**

**Let us hear and respond with joy.**

† Hymn

“Come Sing O Church in Joy”

PH 430

## Hearing the Word

Psalm 31:1-5 from *The Message*

I run to you, God; I run for dear life. Don't let me down!  
Take me seriously this time!  
Get down on my level and listen,  
    and please—no procrastination!  
Your granite cave a hiding place,  
    your high cliff aerie a place of safety.

You're my cave to hide in, my cliff to climb.  
Be my safe leader, be my true mountain guide.  
Free me from hidden traps; I want to hide in you.  
I've put my life in your hands.  
You won't drop me, You will never let me down.  
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NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

*"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"*

Words: George Herbert, 1633 (John 14:6)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911; adapt. By E. Harold Greer

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a way as gives us breath,  
Such a truth as ends all strife,  
Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast,  
Such a feast as mends in length,  
Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a joy as none can move,  
Such a love as none can part,  
Such a heart as joys in love.*

A time with the children  
Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God

*Peace be with you — and also with you*

Epistle Reading

Acts 7: 55-60

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Sermon “Breathe in the Promises”

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

Hymn to draw us into Prayer “Santo, Santo Santo”  
(1st time in Spanish, 2nd time in English)

SF 2007

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.”*

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

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Take my life and let it be, given now O God to You.**

**Receive these gifts of heart and hand that we return to you  
in great thanksgiving for all your love for each of us.**

## Going Out

† Sending Hymn “Lord, You Gave the Great Commission”

PH 429

† Unison Charge from The Brief Statement of Faith  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

† Choral Benediction                      "Go Now in Peace"                      Copies on tables

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
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*You are all invited to a service of thanksgiving and remembrance  
for the recent passage of Presbyterian Amendment 10-A.  
The service will be held on Sunday Afternoon, June 5, 2011,  
at 4 PM at New Life Presbyterian Church, 5540 Eubank, NE, in Albuquerque.  
There will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments following the service.  
If you are interested in planning or participation contact Bobbie.*

*Church Women United will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, June 3rd  
at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 AM.  
The gathering will include a tour of the church and a brief explanation of traditions and  
liturgies.  
The Annual Meeting will include the presentation of a Valiant Woman Award  
followed by election of officers and approval of the budget.  
St. George is located at 308 High St. SE (two blocks west of I-25 and 2 blocks south  
of Central). For more information, contact Marita Marshall at 266-7079.*

**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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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 of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.  
**Contemplative Taizé Service** ~ Every Sunday evening at 6:30  
**Taizé service and Labyrinth walk** ~ the last Sunday of each month