

"A harvest of justice is sown in peace"



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



New Life Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2011

*World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering
The Season of Commitment the Second of the Seven Keys*

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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.

~Prelude ~

As the music begins
let us step away from the everyday and move into a place of worship.
Let us prepare our hearts,
forgive our neighbors,
open our ears to God's call to us this day.

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn "We Limit not the Truth of God" BOJ 170

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community

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

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

**All: One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**All: Their sound has gone out into all the lands and their message,
to the ends of the world.**

One: God's people will gather from all corners of the earth,
they will come to worship God.

**All: We have heard the heavens declare the glory of God,
we have seen the splendor of God's handiwork.**

We have gathered together to praise God's holy name.

Let us worship God as we pray:

**O God of majesty, as we gather today to worship you,
disquiet us and your whole creation with your peacemaking Holy
Spirit, quietly insisting, "Know justice, know peace."**

**As your Son broke bread and gave it to thousands, so call us anew to
a peace marked by a just distribution of your abundance,
until that day when no one shall hunger nor thirst any more;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Invitation to the Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"Bonse Aba" Traditional Zambian song, arr. Andrew Fischer.

*"Bonse Aba" is a Christian song of celebration popular in Zambia.
The words mean "All that sing have the right to be called the Children of God."*

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God

*To our guests and first time visitors today: During the sharing of the Peace
it is our custom to move around and greet one another. Please join us.*

Hearing the Word

Old Testament Readings Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9
Psalm 19

And the people say..

The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.

The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.

The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes.

God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee.

The decisions of God are accurate down to the nth degree.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.

† Hymn of Affirmation "I Come With Joy" verse 1

PH 507

New Testament Lesson Matthew 21: 33-46

Communion Meditation: "Chosen and Gifted"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

A silence is kept.

Prayer and Receiving the Peacemaking Offering

One: In this world, someone has too much.

All: **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

One: When we share our commitment and financial support,
we act on the imagination of Jesus,

All: **Who sees enough bread to go around,
enough courage to speak the truth,
and enough love to overcome all things.**

One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give us bread.
And to those of us who have bread,
give us the hunger for peace with justice.

**All: When the five thousand were hungry,
the disciples came to Jesus and said,
“Send the people away, so they may get something to eat.”**

One: Jesus answered, “You give them something to eat.”

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

Blessing after the Offering

*And the people reached into their pockets, pulled out the bread and the fish and shared,
and there was abundant food and even more. Amen.*

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

One: Let the women bring the flour and the salt, and the men bring the yeast.
Many guests will come, those who live on the margins, those who live
with infirmities, those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

**All: Come quickly; let us follow the recipe of the Lord.
Let all of us knead the dough together with our hands.
Let us watch with joy as the bread rises and expands.**

† Communion Hymn “I come with Joy” verses 2-3

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We give you thanks O God, for you have made us in your image
female and male, black, brown, olive, and pale.
You created us and continue to shape us and teach us to love you,
to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

One: You set us in this world to love and to serve you,
and to live in peace with your whole creation.
Although we have failed to do so, you have not rejected us
but continue to call us back to your way.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

One: In Jesus Christ you showed us your love for all,
especially those among us often rejected by others.
Those of us who are poor, immigrants, prostitutes, suffering from illness,
those whom society has deemed unclear or impure.
You showed us the way to a new community,
one in which the last would be first, justice would be realized,
resources would be shared in common.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

One: Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God,
healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for economic justice
from tax collectors and religious leaders, preaching about faith
guided by the heart, not law.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

One: Yet we rebelled against his message of compassion and justice,
and he was crucified because we feared such love.
But death cannot ultimately defeat life; many waters cannot quench love.
Jesus rose from the grave, and in the resurrection we place our hope
and assurance.
We joyfully celebrate Christ's life and resurrection as we wait for the day
that Christ is fully present with us and in us and the world is at peace.

All: Bread of life, cup of peace, we give you thanks, O God.

One: Gracious God, we give you thanks for pouring out your Holy Spirit
upon us.
Fill us with compassion that we might be moved to action
that your reign might be on earth as it is in heaven.

The Prayer of Jesus in your own language or version.

† Communion Hymn

"I Come with Joy" verse 4

PH 507

All who believe in Jesus Christ are invited to the Table which he has prepared.

We will receive the elements by intinction.

Take a piece of the bread broken for you and dip it in the cup.

Jesus Christ the Bread of life
Jesus Christ the Cup of peace

Prayer

† Charge and Blessing

Go forth into the world with the knowledge of who you are:

A child of God;

A guest at the Communion Table:

A peacemaker.

*May the knowledge of who you are in God's sight sustain and challenge
you as you journey from this place.*

Let it be so.

† Sending Hymn
Postlude

"I Come with Joy" verse 5

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
Liturgy Taken from the 1996 and 1999 Peacemaking Offering Worship PCUSA.

"Bonse Aba" Traditional Zambian song, arr. Andrew Fischer.

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For the Community...

An Inquires Class for adults is being formed to explore what the Presbyterian Church is all about and what membership in New Life PCUSA entails. Come and learn and then decide. Please speak to Pastor Bobbie after the service or give her a call during the week. Her number is 918-0240.

Youth Confirmation Class today at 4 PM today at church.

New Life Session will meet today following worship.

Church Women United will meet in retreat on Friday, October 7th at Monte Vista Christian Church/Disciples of Christ beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Laurie Lewis, pastor at Monte Vista, will lead the women around the theme of "Gifts". Please bring a sack lunch. Monte Vista women will provide the drinks and desserts. The program will conclude at 1:00 p.m. Monte Vista Christian Church is located at 3501 Campus Blvd NE, between Carlisle on the east & Monte Vista on the west and one block north of Central Avenue. Contact Helen LeKates at 883-6903.

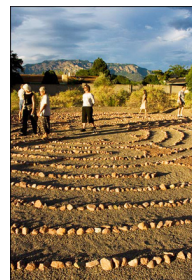
Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

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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