

# New Life Presbyterian Church

October 23, 2011

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far-off, hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake  
my inmost calm  
while to that Rock  
I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord  
of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep  
from singing?  
Through all the tumult  
and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo  
in my soul.  
How can I keep  
from singing?



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† Please stand if you are able,  
BOJ - Book of Joy, SF - Sing the Faith, 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 Jesus' name; welcome!

## **Gathering**

† Gathering Hymn

*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: Open the eyes of our hearts God

**All: We want to see you**

One: Open our ears good God

**All: We want to attend to your Word**

One: Open our hearts to compassion

**All: That we may be generous**

One: We worship you with

**All: All that we are, All that we are, All that we are!**

† Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me!”

PH 304

Invitation to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God hear my prayer.**

**I come to you beset by rules and laws and knowing that at times I fall far short  
of your desire for me.**

**Yet you have given one law to love you and neighbor and even then I stumble.**

**Forgive me. When I see people in need I hope others will help them,  
let me be generous.**

**When I see people hungry, let me invite them to my table.**

**When I see the world in chaos, help me pray for peace.**

**When I see someone hurting, let me bring your comfort.**

**O God, help me to turn from worrying about myself  
and recognize Your face in others.**

**Let me believe in your incredible love and live my life fearlessly.**

**Hear now my heart-prayer that I raise to you in silence.**

Assurance of Pardon in Unison

**God is great, God is Good, God has made us new.**

**In the presence of the Creator we are forgiven.**

† Hymn of Response

“Halle Halle Halleluja”

SF 2026

**Hearing the Word**

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

Traditional American song, arr. Jeffrey Honore

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.*

Psalm 1 Responsive Reading

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
All: **or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

One: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
All: **and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
All: **they yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

One: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
All: **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

One: for God watches over the way of the righteous,  
All: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

† Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" PH 464

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 34-46

Sermon: "Foiled Again!" Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

A silence is kept.

Gathering Hymn to Prayer (seated) "Come and find the Quiet Center" SF 2128

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.*

## Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Unison Prayer of Dedication

**I am yours Creator God.**

**Receive what we return to you of heart and hand  
and may Your Kingdom Come.**

## Going Out

† Sending Hymn

“Though I May Speak”

PH 335

† Charge and Benediction

† Choral Benediction  
Postlude

“Go with Us Lord”

PH 535

*Join us immediately after worship as we prepare the Random Sacks for distribution today.*

**Remember the Harvest Dinner and Talent Show!  
November 6 qt 5:30 PM**

**PS: Standard Time begins on November 6 as well!  
Fall Back**

Church Women United, an ecumenical women’s movement, will hold a World Community Day celebration on Friday, November 4th at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Menaul NE. The theme will be “Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action”.

Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the worship program. All are invited to join the celebration. For more information, call Jan Miller at 345-6709.

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This morning’s service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
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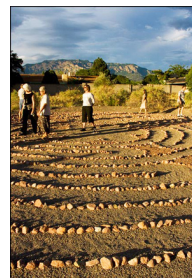
**W**elcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

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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Please call Bobbie to make an appointment.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND PIANIST - MATALIE WHAM**  
**SECRETARY & WEB WEAVER - DIDI ACOSTA**

**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