



# New Life Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2011 ~ Celebration of Earth Day

i thank you god for most this amazing day:  
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;  
and for everything which is natural  
which is infinite which is yes.  
ee cummings

for the gift of this complete day  
for the leaping spirits of  
budding trees  
we thank you god

for the infinite blue of finite sky  
we thank you God

for the pain of exquisite  
memories  
we thank you god

for the joy of expectation  
the discovery of the unexpected  
we thank you god

for all that is to come today  
we thank you, god

Greenly Spirits *by [signature]*

# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

*May 1, 2011*

*Earth Sunday ~ 2nd Sunday in Eastertide*

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† Please stand if you are able

SF - Sing the Faith, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, BOJ - Bok of Joy

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## **Gathering**

Grace and Peace to you. Let us worship God.

we thank you god for this most amazing day

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Prelude

Matalie Wham

*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**

One: We have entered this place in confident expectation. Let us be open to the One who greets us here.

All: God, who is everywhere, welcomes us here; Our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation.

One: Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Glory and honor to the One whose Spirit we receive.

All: In Christ, we are born anew to a living hope. In the Spirit's blessing, we know true peace. Let us worship together in Joy.

† Gathering Hymn

"Thine is the Glory."

PH 122

### **Listening**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103: 1-13

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**As I walk  
The universe is walking with me  
In beauty it walks before me  
In beauty it walks behind me  
In beauty it walks below me  
In beauty it walks above me  
Beauty is on every side  
As I walk, I walk with Beauty.**

*Prayer of the People Navajo Tradition*

† Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

PH 469

### **Hearing the Word**

Psalm 145: 9, 13 - 17

Genesis 1: 31

Job 12: 10

Psalm 65:9-13

Psalm 104:10-14

Colossians 1:17

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

“Child of Earth and Sky” by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

*I, a child of the earth, from the dust I had my birth.  
In earth's beauty grew to stand, walk in peace upon the land.  
And when I die, in the ground my heart will lie.  
I love the earth like a jumping deer, like the pine tree on the hill,  
like the bison on the plain. And my feet dance with the splashing rain.  
O, Great Spirit, here am I, child of the earth and child of the sky.  
I, a child of the sky, born with Spirit wings to fly.  
Winds and visions make me strong. Sun and moon both hear my song.  
And when I die, may my spirit rise up high.  
I love the sky like a soaring dove, like a storm cloud in the wind,  
like an eagle flying far. And my heart sings with the morning star.  
God of earth, God of sky, O, Great Spirit, who am I?  
Who am I that I should know all this glory where I go?  
Here till I die, till my days and nights pass by,  
I lift my praise for the world I love, offer music of my heart,  
care for everything I see: holy mountain, eagle, deer and tree.  
Dancing on the earth and singing to the sky.*

The Children's Message  
Greeting one another sharing the Peace of Christ.

### Earth Teach Me to Remember

Earth teach me stillness  
as the grasses are stilled with light.  
Earth teach me suffering  
as old stones suffer with memory.  
Earth teach me humility  
as blossoms are humble with beginning.  
Earth Teach me caring  
as the mother who secures her young.  
Earth teach me courage  
as the tree which stands alone.  
Earth teach me limitation  
as the ant which crawls on the ground.

Earth teach me freedom  
as the eagle which soars in the sky.  
Earth teach me resignation  
as the leaves which die in the fall.  
Earth teach me regeneration  
as the seed which rises in the spring.  
Earth teach me to forget myself  
as melted snow forgets its life.  
Earth teach me to remember kindness  
as dry fields weep in the rain.

NL Choral Ensemble

*Prayer of the People Ute, North American*  
Directed by Matalie Wham

“Requiem” by Eliza Gilkyson, arr. Craig Hella Johnson.

Written after the Asian tsunami of 2004, as a song a prayer and comfort.

*Oh, Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken.  
All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken by the sea.  
Mother Mary, calm our fears; have mercy: drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy.  
Hear our mournful plea. Our world has been shaken. We wander, our homelands forsaken.  
In the dark night of the soul, bring some comfort to us all.  
Oh, Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace, that our sorrows may be faced.  
Mary, fill the glass to overflowing, illuminate the path where we are going.  
Have mercy on us all. In funeral fires burning, each flame to your mystery returning.  
In the dark night of the soul, your shattered dreamers, make them whole.  
Oh, Mother Mary, find us where we've fallen out of grace. Lead us to a higher place.  
In the dark night of the soul, our broken hearts you can make whole.  
Oh, Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace. Let us see your gentle face.*

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon: "What? Me Worry?"

The Rev. Bobbie McGarey

† Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

PH 267

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 Lord's Prayer  
*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.*

Offering

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Prayer of Dedication

† Sending Hymn

"O For a World"

PH 386

† Charge and Benediction

† Choral Benediction

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
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Church Women United will meet for the May Friendship Day Celebration and luncheon on Friday, May 6th at Los Altos Christian Church, beginning at 10:00 am with coffee fellowship. The theme for the celebration is "Living our Friendship, Passing on the Key." Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel, Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Churches, will be the keynote speaker. This celebration will be a joint effort between the Albuquerque CWU unit and CWU of NM. The reservation deadline for the luncheon is April 29th & the cost is \$12. Please call Helen LeKates (883-6903) for reservations. Los Altos Christian Church is located at 19000 Haines Ave NE, one block east of Juan Tabo and one block south of Indian School NE. Please join us!



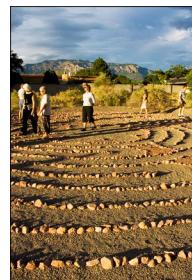
**W**elcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

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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**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