

New Life Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2010
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Christianity is a two handed faith.
With one hand, we reach out with the good news of forgiveness,
with a new beginning in Jesus Christ, with salvation by grace alone.
With the other hand, we reach out to write letters to leaders in support
of justice,

we go through closets
to share with others,
we guard our wallets so
we don't spend more
money on stuff
but rather live more
simply and share more
generously.

On one hand,
we are called to talk
the talk and,
on the other hand,
we are called to walk
the walk.



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† Please stand if you are able, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal, SF - Sing the Faith  
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† Gathering Hymn “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” SF 2237

*Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns,
Welcome and Introduction of Guests*

*The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.
We kindle the light.*

Gathering the People

Call to Worship,

“Hope for the World” adapted from The Iona Community Worship Book
Please have “Open Our Eyes” (SF 2086) to sing, as directed, during the call to worship.

One: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion,
Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends.
He is the light of life;

All: He is the hope of the world.

Another brings a light to the table: He is the light of my life;

All: He is the hope of the world.

“Open Our Eyes”

SF 2086

One: In him there is neither black nor white, neither north nor south

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Another brings a light to the table: He is the light of my life;

All: He is the hope of the world.

“Open Our Eyes”

SF 2086

One: In him there is neither female nor male, neither master nor servant;

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Another brings a light to the table: He is the light of my life;

All: He is the hope of the world.

"Open Our Eyes"

SF 2086

One: In him there is neither rich nor poor,
neither middle class nor working class;

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Another brings a light to the table: He is the light of my life;

All: He is the hope of the world.

"Open Our Eyes"

SF 2086

One: O God, we come together to explore the meaning
of our oneness in Christ.

**All: As we examine ourselves, guide our reflection of the life of Jesus
that we might find your purpose for our community. Amen.**

Opening God's Word in Music, Lessons, and Holy Conversations

Interpretation for the Children: A Man who saw God in everything!

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"St. Francis' Prayer," Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

† 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.*

Children are dismissed to Sunday Circle.

The Lessons: I Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4: 14-21

The Holy Conversations begin: “Fulfilled in Your Hearing” The Rev. Kay E. Huggins
Silence for Reflection

Serving God in Word and Deed

Affirmation of Faith, from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Men: One day, youngsters will learn words they will not understand.
Children from India will ask: What is hunger?
Children from Alabama will ask: What is racial segregation?

Women: One day, youngsters will learn words they will not understand.
Children from Hiroshima will ask: What is the atomic bomb?
Children at school will ask: What is war?

All: **You will answer them. You will tell them:
Those words are not used any more—like stage coaches, galleys or slavery.
Those words are no longer meaningful.
That is why they have been removed from dictionaries.**

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.*

Call to Offering: “Haiti” by the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette,
sung to the tune “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
*Permission is given for the use of the hymn to any who use it in connection
with support for Haiti Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.*

In Haiti there is anguish that seems too much to bear;
A land so used to sorrow now knows even more despair.
From city streets the cries of grief rise up to hills above.
In all the sorrow, pain and death, where are you, God of love?

A woman sifts through rubble, a man has lost his home;
A hungry, orphaned toddler sobs, for she is now alone.
Where are you, Lord, when thousands die - the rich, the poorest poor
Were you the very first to cry for all that is no more?

O God, you love your children; you hear each lifted prayer!
May all who suffer in that land know you are present there.
In moments of compassion shown, in simple acts of grace,
May those in pain find healing balm, and know your love's embrace.

Where are you in the anguish? Lord, may we hear anew
That everywhere your world cries out, you're there - and suffering too.
And may we see, in others pain, the cross we're called to bear;
Send out your church in Jesus' name to pray, to serve, to share.

Offering for New Life and Special Offering for Haiti

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† NL Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Benediction:

Pastor: O Christ, you have blessed the members of your body with many and diverse gifts.

People: Now send us forth to bear witness to the oneness of our God and the unity of all in Christ.

Pastor: You have given none of us all the gifts for completing Christ's mission

People: But you have given each of us some gift for Christ's work.

Pastor: Therefore, let us not hold back, lamenting what we do not have...

People: But let us press ahead, employing the gifts we do have.

† Sung Response "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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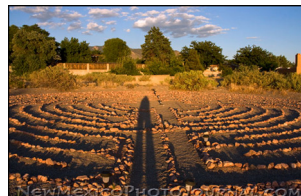
This morning's service as prepared by Kay Huggins and the Worship Committee.

**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 through the year. The outdoor labyrinth is also open from dawn to dusk daily for walking year-round.



**Every Sunday evening, a contemplative Taizé service** from 6:30 - 6:45 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 indoors.

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**Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, February 7 after worship**