

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* Ken Medema

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

* HYMN 247 “Now the Green Blade Rises”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Jesus Christ, sometimes we are so busy talking with
each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk
on, so focused on our questions that we do not create
the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with
us and enlighten our journeying.**

**Stay with us. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause
and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives
and that of the world around us, we are sometimes
too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts
and fears. We have kept them within us.**

Time for silent reflection; then join in when the liturgist begins:

**Stay with us, Jesus.
Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with
you, we pray. We call your name, O Christ, and hope
to discover you here in our community of
vulnerable faith.**

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240, vv. 1, 4 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13-21 (NT)

ANTHEM

I am a poor wayfaring stranger
While traveling through this world below
There is no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.

I’m going there to meet my father
I’m going there, no more to roam
I am going over Jordan
I am going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o’er me
I know my pathway’s rough and steep
But golden fields lie out before me
Where weary eyes no more will weep.

I’m going home to see my mother
She said she’d meet me when I’m there
I am going over Jordan
I am going over home.

I’ll soon be free from every trial
This form shall rest beneath the sod
I’ll drop the cross of self-denial
And enter in that home with God.

I’m going there to see my Savior
Who shed for me His precious blood
I am going over Jordan
I am going over home.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:22-35 (NT)

SERMON “Hearts Burning”
Finding Healing: Easter Encounters with Hurting People

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 252 “Day of Arising”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that Easter is not an event that has occurred.
It’s an adventure that has begun, not a place that we have
visited, but a path on which we stand.**

We believe the story is not complete, but unfolding with
characters still breathing, still teeming with the promise of
new life, not just for you and me but for all people, in
all places.

We believe we walk the path of two who traveled a dusty
road wrapped in confusion and despair, two who shared
the company of a stranger voicing their pain, airing their
fears, and in the listening heard words of hope and
promise, and in the eating received the true bread of life.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory Solace by Scott Joplin

* *Doxology* Hymnal, back page

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 737 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* Arr. Kathryn Carpenter

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the
presence of Christ’s spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle
holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino
Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today’s liturgist: Susan Lang
Today’s greeters: Russ and Jean Moxley
Today’s usher: Bill Carpenter and Elaine Morris

Selected liturgy for today's worship service comes from re:Worship.blogspot.com: the Call to Worship is by Carol Penner, the Confession is modified from Words for Worship, and the Affirmation contains excerpts from the Call to Worship by Craig Mitchell (2005) and the Iona Community in "Emmaus Worship Service."

The image on the front cover is of the ivory carving "Road to Emmaus," which was crafted during the Carolingian period, and which depicts Christ's appearance to two of his disciples after his resurrection. Christ, who is distinguished by his halo, meets the disciples along the road to the town of Emmaus, near Jerusalem.

Voices of Conflict, Voices of Hope: A Poetry and Faith Series

In our next Faith Formation opportunity, Virginia Hebert will lead us in an exploration of poetry from countries that have experienced or are experiencing war: Guatemala, Israel/Palestine, and Ukraine. Come listen to poets from these countries speak to their pain and to their hope, and consider how their words may inform our faith. The group will meet for three more Mondays—April 22, 29, and May 6—at 7 PM at the church.

MANNA Food Bank Volunteering

We volunteer on the second Friday of every month from 1-3 PM. Join us on May 10 directly at MANNA. Contact Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296 to sign up.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, April 28 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, April 24.

New Hope Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

Session Members

Terri Carpenter (2025)
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Virginia Hebert (2024)
Susan Maveety (2024)
Barbara McLean (2026)
Andy Morse (2026)
Jean Moxley (2024)
Nan Riley (2026)
Nancy Spann (2025)
Kim Wells (Moderator)

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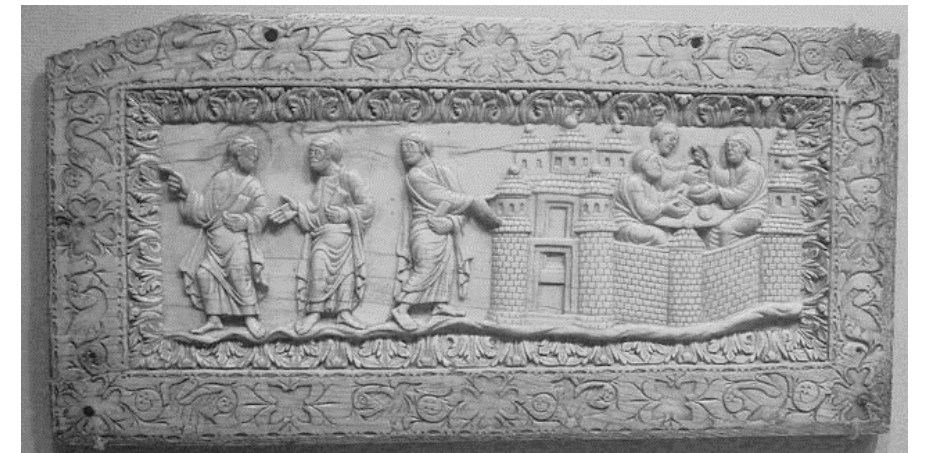
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
11 o'clock



"Hearts Burning"



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road ..." (Luke 24:32)