

**New Hope Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship  
May 9, 2021  
Mother's Day**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Interlude**

**Call to worship:** (Psalm 98)

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
**his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**  
The LORD has made his salvation known  
**and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**  
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;  
**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**HYMN:** #240 (Glory to God) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of Creation.

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Verse 2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.

REFRAIN

Verse 3

We have been crucified with Christ,  
Now we shall live forever.

REFRAIN

Verse 4

Come let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.  
REFRAIN

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**Prayer of Confession:**

God, we are people with such potential. You have given us the ability to speak and to listen, to serve and to share, to laugh and to cry. You ask that we take what we have and use it to your glory, inviting us to do all that we do in a way that is pleasing to you. Forgive us, O God, for creating more places to complain than to give thanks, for spending more time examining the mistakes of each other instead of the giftedness in one another. Forgive us for taking so much for granted and for allowing so many of our gifts to lay idle instead of being used. Help us to serve you more faithfully. Show us how to be good stewards of all we have, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon/Declaration of Hope:**

Whatever our illness,

**we are welcomed into a community of healing.**

Whatever our shortcoming,

**a door is open to a place of restoration.**

Enter this new place of healing and restoration through Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God that we are forgiven. Amen!**

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**Prayer for Illumination:**

**We thought you were dead, Jesus, but you were already here before us, preparing this time for us together. Open our hearts and minds to take in what your resurrection can mean in our lives and in our world. Let us hear your Word with new understanding that we might meet Jesus Christ anew. Amen**

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**Scripture Readings:**

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      Larry Kifer, Vocals

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

All scripture New International Version, through biblegateway.com,  
accessed on May 3, 2021.

**Reflection**

**Time of Self-Offering**

**Prayers of the People w/the Lord’s Prayer**

**HYMN:** #312 (red)      To Be God’s People

Verse 1

Almighty Father give us a vision  
of a dying world that needs Your love and care.  
We see the need, the yearning for a Savior,  
In Jesus' name, grant this our prayer.

Refrain

To be God's people in this place,  
live His goodness, share His grace  
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,  
be His love to ev'ryone.

Verse 2

And when we falter be Thou our comfort;  
guide us as Your children that our lives may be  
A beacon in this darkness that surrounds us,  
A light that others then may see.

Refrain

To be God's people in this place,  
live His goodness, share His grace  
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,  
be His love to ev'ryone.

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**Blessing**