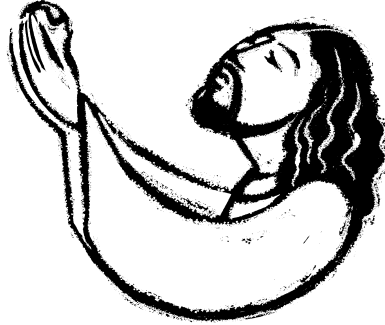


NEW HOPE PARISH
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“Do this in
remembrance of me.”



ROMANS 7:25, NRSV



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

July 6, 2008
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The Order of Worship

“It seems amazingly difficult to put on the yoke of Christ, but immediately we do put it on,
everything becomes easy”

- *Oswald Chambers*

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

*Chorus *Fill My Cup, Lord* # 641

*Call to Worship

One: Come and worship God, before whom all hearts are open and all hearts are known.

All: We tremble in the presence of God, who knows our innermost thoughts and our deepest secrets.

One: Fear not, for God, who sees all is a loving and forgiving God.

**All: Let us come and worship God, who has the power to make all things new—
who has the power to reform our very hearts.**

*Invocation:

We come together gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. The anticipation of this hour of rest and nourishment fills us with renewed joy and gladness. We thank you, God, that your revelation comes to us, not because we are worthy, but because we are open to your word. Open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen

*Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* # 400

Special Music

Proclamation and Response

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that,
As the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.*

A Moment with the Children ... *we sing* Jesus Loves the Little Children *as they return*

Hebrew Testament Lesson: Genesis 24

Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn: *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* # 526

Message:

Response: Holy Communion p. 7

Sharing Prayer Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/People's Prayer

*A moment of silent prayer is offered before the Pastoral Prayer
The altar rail is open for all who wish a solitary moment...*

Offering Our Gifts to God for Our Church and Beyond the Local Church

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* # 95

*Prayer of Dedication:

*Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign* # 157

*Benediction/Blessing:

As a gentle father,
God has opened his hand
and blessed us with his touch.

As a loving mother,
God has wiped away our tears
and healed our every hurt.

Let us leave this place now
satisfied in his embrace.

*Postlude

Please stand as you are able