**New Hope**

**United Methodist Church**

***April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday in Easter***

We are New Hope United Methodist Church, a Community of Faith that exists for the Glory of God to reach out and welcome people, serve others and equip them with a faith that works in everyday life.

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREETINGS, AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – Worship Leader**

**(\*INVITES CONGREGATION TO STAND)**

**\*Call to Worship (responsively):**

Leader: It is a new day:

**People: Christ lives!**

Leader: In our hearts and in our world:

**People: Christ lives!**

Leader: In the face of an unexpected neighbor:

**People: Christ Lives!**

Leader: As we share God’s abundance:

**People: Christ lives!**

Leader: As we care for God’s creation:

**People: Christ lives!**

Leader: As we share the good news, let our joy be complete:

**ALL: Christ lives!**

**\*Opening Hymn** **307, Blue Hymnal**

***“Christ Is Risen”***

**Opening Prayer (in unison):** God of Easter, You called us into being and created us to be in community. We thank You for our church, for our brothers and sisters, this family of God. We are mindful that our community of faith extends beyond these walls and borders and into the whole world. You continue to call us to live in faithful community with others. Guide us into Your way of love and justice, where we see each other as brother and sister, where we are called to live in communion with each other. May we continually walk towards building up Your kingdom on earth. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Special Music *“He’s Alive” (track 9)* insert**

**Gospel Lesson** **John 20:19-31 (NT p. 108-9)**

**Hymn (track 4) 79, Blue Hymnal**

***“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (vs 1, 2 & 1)***

**Sermon** “Making Room for Doubt”  **Pastor Ric**

**Hymn (track 6) insert**

***“You Raise Me Up”***

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

**Invitation to the Offering**

How may we participate in new life in Christ? By sharing abundantly our common life--our resources of time and treasure, our life with each other, our life in the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, commitment, and praise. Let us receive the offering.

**\*Doxology 94, Blue Hymnal**

***“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison):** O God of life, take these gifts and bless them, multiply them, put them to work in your world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope. We offer them to you as a witness to your love that makes our joy complete! Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn (track 11) 2172, Black Hymnal**

***“We Are Called”***

**\*Benediction**

Pastor:We go out from this place trusting that God walks with us.

**People: We go out from this place knowing that we walk in the light.**

Pastor: We go out from this place shining with the good news that Christ is risen:

**People: We are new people who love our neighbors, share God’s abundance, and care for God’s creation.**

**ALL: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

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**W7797 Center Road, Glenbeulah, WI 53023-1508**

**Worship at 9:30 am – April 11, 2021**



**Pastor: Ric Olson** **pastor@gbnewhopeumc.org** **(920) 980-8302**

***If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the pastor, or call the New Hope Church Office at 920-526-3372.***

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

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***Attendance on Good Friday 4/2: 14 Offering: $***

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Until You come and sit awhile with me.

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(repeat 2 more times)

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He’s Alive

The gates and doors were barred
And all the windows fastened down
I spent the night in sleeplessness
And rose at every sound

Half in hopeless sorrow
And half in fear the day
Would find the soldiers breakin' through
To drag us all away

And just before the sunrise
I heard something at the wall
The gate began to rattle
And a voice began to call

I hurried to the window
Looked down into the street
Expecting swords and torches
And the sound of soldiers' feet

But there was no one there but Mary
So I went down to let her in
John stood there beside me
As she told me where she'd been

She said they've moved him in the night
And none of us knows where
The stone's been rolled away
And now his body isn't there

So we both ran towards the garden
Then John ran on ahead
We found the stone and empty tomb
Just the way that Mary said

But the winding sheet, they wrapped him in
Was just an empty shell
And how or where they'd taken him
Was more than I could tell

Oh, something strange had happened there
Just what I did not know
John believed a miracle
But I just turned to go

Circumstance and speculation
Couldn't lift me very high
'Cause I'd seen them crucify him
Then I saw him die

Back inside the house again
The guilt and anguish came
Everything I'd promised him
Just added to my shame

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When at last it came to choices
I denied I knew his name
And even if he was alive
It wouldn't be the same

But suddenly the air was filled
With a strange and sweet perfume
Light that came from everywhere
Drove shadows from the room

And Jesus stood before me
With his arms held open wide
And I fell down on my knees
And I just clung to him and cried

Then he raised me to my feet
And as I looked into his eyes
The love was shining out from him
Like sunlight from the skies

Guilt in my confusion
Disappeared in sweet release
And every fear I'd ever had
Just melted into peace

He's alive, yes he's alive
Yes, he's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive (he's alive), yes he's alive (he's alive)

Oh, he's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive, he's alive
Hallelujah, he's alive

He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive (he's alive), he's alive (he's alive)
He's alive
I believe it, he's alive

He's alive